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ROME, March 28 (R) — The Italian government won a key vote of confidence in the lower house of Parliament Monday which took it a step closer to being able to put into effect its anti-inflationary economic strategy. The passage of a crucial article of the 1983 draft budget by 325 votes to 211 with five abstentions was the second economic success in Parliament in three days for Christian Democratic Prime Minister Amintore Fanfani. Last Saturday, the lower house approved the centrist coalition's finance bill for the calendar year 1983. The government put both the finance bill and part of the budget bill to the test of votes of confidence so as to sidestep hundreds of amendments by the radical party and other small opposition groups who want to increase government spending.

Oil slick threatens water plants in Gulf states

BAHRAIN, March 28 (R) — An oil slick twice as big as New York's Manhattan Island edged down the Gulf Monday, threatening vital water desalination plants in five states and untold damage to marine life. Heavy black crude oil gushing from shattered Iranian wells at the head of the Gulf was 25 nautical miles north of Bahrain and Qatar and 40 miles from the Saudi Arabian coast, environment officials said. Military helicopters flew reconnaissance missions over the slick, estimated to cover up to 40 square miles. Experts tracked its movements on satellite pictures, while clean-up squads stood by in all the Gulf states. The slick, which threatens Gulf power stations and drinking water plants, is estimated to contain more than 100,000 barrels of oil from wells in Iran's Nowruz field, northwest of the main Iranian export terminal at Kharg Island. An Iranian Oil Ministry spokesman said by telephone from Tehran that so far as he knew no attempts were being made to stem the flow from the wells, which lie in a dangerous Gulf war combat zone. Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi accused Iraq Sunday of continuing to fire rockets at the oil platforms and said Tehran would not try to repair the damage until it had adequate security guarantees. The oil is coming from two wells, one hit by a ship last month and the other alleged to have been damaged by an Iraqi attack on March 2. Officials said high-level crisis planning talks were being held constantly in the states most immediately at risk from the slick — Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). In Bahrain, a fleet of coast guard boats is on patrol plotting the oil's movements. They said it was expected to move south very slowly Monday night as a light south-easterly wind countered a current in the opposite direction. Saudi Arabia is using computers to plot the likely course of the slick.

INCREDIBLE MONUMENT: What must surely be one of the most unique monuments to the world of automobiles is this giant sculpture. Made by Fernandez Arman, the structure comprises a tower block of 60 old cars layered in 1,500 tons of concrete. Seen in Joze-en-Joas, France, the monument stands 60 feet (18 meters) high and has been named "Long Time Parking."

480 hospitalized PLO accuses Israel of bid to murder Palestinian girls

NICOSIA, March 28 (Agencies) — The Palestinian Liberation Organization (PLO) Monday accused Israel of attempting to murder hundreds of Palestinian schoolgirls in the Jenin district of the occupied West Bank, the PLO news agency, Wafa, said. The charge followed the wave of poisonings that affected more than 500 schoolgirls suffering from fainting spells, nausea, partial blindness and similar symptoms in the past week. In a report from Damascus, distributed in Nicosia where Wafa is based, it said "since last Wednesday Israeli elements have attempted to murder en masse hundreds of Palestinian schoolgirls in the Jenin district." "Six girls' secondary schools in the Jenin district were systematically sprayed with a poisonous gas which incapacitated everyone within the affected areas. It said a total of 480 Palestinian schoolgirls have been hospitalized as a result. Meanwhile, the Soviet Union accused, Israel on Monday of using "war gas" against Palestinian demonstrators, saying this

caused the poisoning of scores of Palestinian schoolchildren. Radio Moscow said in an English-language news broadcast that "233 Palestinian schoolgirls are still in hospital after being poisoned in anti-Israeli demonstrations" on Saturday and Sunday. "The Israelis used war gas against the demonstrators," the radio added. "Over 500 people suffered from the inhuman action." Israeli authorities confirmed Sunday that they were investigating the poisonings of "over 300" children from six schools in the Jenin area. Israeli radio said medical officials took samples of yellow powder with a high concentration of sulfur. The powder was emitting a gas that was thought to be the source of the poisoning, it said. Radio Moscow categorically blamed Israel for the poisonings. "Israel has used toxic substances in its aggressive actions many times," it said, adding an allegation that Israeli troops "used nerve gas" while fighting Palestinians in Lebanon last summer. Wafa said the first cases of poisoning occurred last Wednesday when 72 schoolgirls were hospitalized "from a toxic gas substance sprayed at a girls' secondary school in the village of Arabi near Jenin." Wafa added that on Sunday five other schools in the Jenin area "were sprayed with the gas. Yellow sulfurous powder was found on the window sills in the Jenin schools. At the Malthoun Girl's Secondary School in Yaabad, nylon bags containing a yellow powder were discovered yesterday." It said the school administration contacted the police at 8 a.m., but they did not arrive until 10 p.m.

A king's diary fetches sum of \$ 175,450

LONDON, March 28 (AP) — A mystery buyer Monday paid 121,000 pounds (\$ 175,450) at a Sotheby's auction for the personal diary of the late King Faisal of Iraq kept during the 1919 Paris peace conference. Sotheby's had expected a top price of 20,000 pounds (\$29,000) for the Arabic-language document in a sale of historical manuscripts. But, said Sotheby's spokeswoman Rosamund Hinde-Howell, "the bidding between the eventual buyer and a London dealer was fast and furious." She noted that Sotheby's had expected "determined bidding from the Middle East," but declined to say whether the buyer was Arab. The diary is an historic document. It contains draft proposals by Faisal, who fought with the allies against the Turks, for the creation of six independent Arab states following the conflict. The diary reveals Faisal's disillusion with British and French moves to carve up the Middle East between them following World War I. The diary also refers to Faisal's meeting with Zionist leader Chaim Weizmann, who later became Israel's first president, and their discussion on the need for a Palestinian state. Faisal was elected king of Iraq in August 1921, soon after the country was made a British mandate under the League of Nations and he had reluctantly endorsed the Anglo-French agreement. Within a year, the French marched on Damascus and expelled him.

U.S. to offer new missile deal

BRUSSELS, March 28 (R) — President Reagan will offer Moscow this week an interim solution to limit medium-range nuclear missiles in Europe but the proposal will not contain specific numbers, well-informed NATO sources said Monday. In a confidential letter to NATO heads of government, President Reagan said he preferred not to spell out compromise numbers at this time to avoid a pre-emptive Soviet response during the forthcoming recess at the Geneva arms control talks. President Reagan said he saw his planned proposal as an interim step toward the total elimination of medium-range missiles. The new U.S. proposal is due to be made Tuesday by Paul Nitze, the chief U.S. negotiator, before the current round of negotiations on land-based, medium-range nuclear missiles adjourns for the seasonal recess, the sources added. Nitze would also propose to his Soviet counterpart shortening the recess period and reconvening the talks in early May rather than early June, the sources quoted President Reagan as saying. In his letter, sent to the NATO heads of government last week, the president said he wanted to consult the allies to maintain a united Western position and counter Soviet efforts to delay or prevent deployment of new missiles by NATO or block real progress at Geneva. President Reagan said that in view of the stalemate at the talks he had ordered a review of the U.S. position. This review had now been completed and before finalizing it, the United States wanted to know the allies' view on the issue, the sources quoted Reagan as saying. The president said that under the proposed interim solution NATO would halt deployment of Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles at a certain number if Moscow accepted cutting its arsenal to an agreed level of warheads, the sources added.

Indian cops foil mass suicide bid

NEW DELHI, March 28 (AFP) — Police cordoned off a lake in western India to prevent 150 striking textile workers from committing mass suicide to draw attention to working conditions in the industry, it was reported here Monday. A spokesman for the workers group said they wanted to commit suicide to draw federal government's attention to their plight. Over 230,000 textile workers in Maharashtra state have been on strike for the last 15 months demanding higher wages and better working conditions. United News of India (UNI) said over 500 policemen had cordoned off the lake near Ahmedabad and prevented the workers from approaching the water. Police later arrested all the workers and charged them with attempted suicide — an offence punishable in India with seven years' jail. Divers were on hand, and police had a large store of life belts. Many of the striking textile workers have taken up casual jobs and some have started roadside hawking but many others have no means to support their families. "Many of us are starving and we preferred to commit suicide than to continue with the pangs of hunger," a spokesman told newsmen.

'Greens' poised to turn Kohl red

BONN, March 28 (R) — West Germany's ecologist 'Greens', angered over the seat allocations in the Bundestag (lower house), seem set for a stormy parliamentary debut Tuesday when they parade into the chamber bearing flowers and peace banners. The Greens, who won 27 seats in the March 6 elections, have threatened to stand in protest in the "middle" of the chamber when the new Bundestag meets to elect conservative Chancellor Helmut Kohl at its first sitting. They demand their brass nameplates be removed from seats allotted on the far left of the chamber and screwed to benches in the middle, between Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) and the opposition Social Democrats (SPD). Some right-wing politicians see the Greens' theatrical play as a first, tentative challenge to Bonn's 33-year-old democracy. The plan has also added fuel to the debate over whether the loose alliance of leftists, anti-nuclear activists and pacifists should be banned altogether. The Social Democrats are also galled at being evicted from the left benches which have been occupying since they entered the old Berlin Reichstag in the last century.

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Ambassador Yango says

Joint panel to screen Filipinos coming here

By K.S. Ramkumar
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 28 — A strict screening of the Filipino labor coming to the Kingdom on job contracts has been agreed upon between the official panels of the two governments, according to Philippines Ambassador Alejandro D. Yango.

Yango said in an interview with *Arab News* that the panels decided that all the Filipinos should be thoroughly and strictly screened in Manila about their educational and professional qualifications so that only qualified people get the right jobs in the Kingdom. Also, their past records, character, etc., should be carefully and closely scrutinized before they are contracted so that no Filipino worker with a bad record is imported here.

The ambassador said the meetings of the two panels were held following the recent visit of Philippines Labor and Employment Minister Blas F. Ople who had met with Labor Ministry officials in Riyadh.

Yango said that the decisions of the panels were in keeping with strengthening cooperation between the two countries and claimed that there were hardly any complaints against the Filipinos working in the Kingdom. "As many as 180,000 Filipinos, including about 15,000 women mostly working as nurses, medical technicians and domestic hands, are in the Kingdom," he added.

During the meetings of the panels, he said, the Saudi Arabian officials were anxious that the quality of Filipinos imported into the Kingdom should be "top class."

The Philippines panel insisted that the terms of contracts concerning the country's labor ought to be strictly adhered to in the labor's interest. "We have received complaints from some of our nationals that their employers have been disregarding the terms of contracts," Yango said.

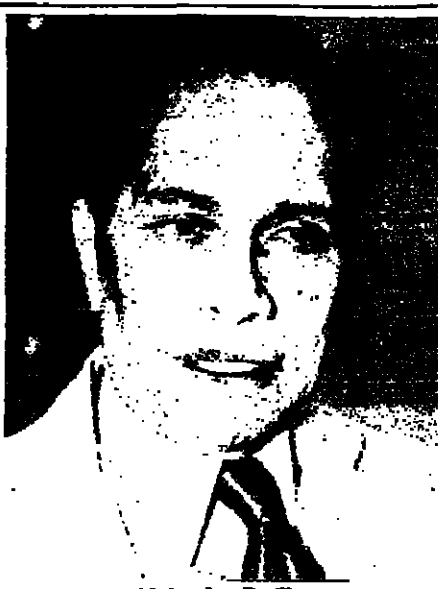
The discussion between the two sides has been "fruitful," Yango said adding that both resolved that "something will be done here and in Manila" in the interest of the two countries.

He, however, made it clear that there has been no change in the Kingdom's policy of engaging Filipino hands for various jobs provided due care is taken in both countries to mutual advantage. The meetings helped in laying a basis for implementation of rules and regulations for future recruitment of Filipino labor whose strength in the Kingdom ranks fourth, the first three being Egyptians, Yemenis and Pakistanis.

Also, he said, there will be a continuous dialogue between the two panels, the silver lining in the "excellent" relations between the two countries being that the Kingdom's Labor and Social Affairs Minister Ibrahim Abdullah Al-Anqari is visiting Philippines in due course.

Yango said he heads his country's panel which also comprises Regional Labor Director Jonathan Dela Cruz, Philippines Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) Administrator Mrs. Patricia Santo Tomas and local Embassy Labor Attache Reynaldo B. Parungao.

The Kingdom's panel is represented by Deputy Labor Minister Ahmad Hamad



Alejandro D. Yango

Al-Yahya, Saudi Arabian Ambassador to Philippines Fawzi Shobokshi and a representative each of the Saudi Arabian Government Social Insurance Scheme (GOSI) and the Ministry of Interior (Visa Department).

Yango, a career diplomat who was for two years his country's representative in the U.N. Security Council from 1980 before taking up his ambassadorial post here six months ago, said the importance attached to Philippines by the Kingdom can be realized from the fact that last September, Saudia started operating direct flights to Manila — Jeddah-Riyadh-Manila flights three times a week and Jeddah-Riyadh-Singapore-Manila twice a week. Philippines Airlines, on the other hand, has been operating direct Manila-Dhahran flights five times a week.

The new Riyadh Embassy project of Philippines, which has a Muslim population of 4.5 million out of a total of 50 million people, will cost about \$10 million, Yango said adding that the project is still in the planning stage.

National contractors get a boost

Riyadh Bureau

RIYADH, March 28 — Foreign contractors have been asked to carry out at least 30 percent of their awarded works using national contractors, according to an official statement by Finance and National Economy Minister Muhammad Aba Al-Khail. He said that for the first time the Council of Ministers has decided to support Saudi Arabian contractors and give them a bigger share in government contracts carried out by foreign contractors.

All contractors must at the same time buy their equipment and conduct their services through Saudi Arabian agents in the fields of transportation, insurance for individuals and goods, banking services, real estate and food imports.

A source at the finance ministry told *Arab News* that the decision was taken because the tremendous increase in the number of foreign contractors competing with national contractors.

The decision was seen here as an indirect result of the first Saudi Arabian businessmen's conference held in Dammam this month. Saudi Arabian businessmen took the opportunity to air their grievances at the conference which was attended by the ministers of interior, industry, finance, commerce, transport and agriculture.

One of the conference's recommendations called explicitly for giving priority to national companies in awarding government contracts and giving Saudi firms a bigger share in major contracts.

The decision gives a boost to the private sector which has expanded remarkably over the past few years.



CARPET SHOW: An exhibition of Indian pure silk hand woven carpets was inaugurated by Indian Ambassador T.T.P. Abdullah at the Redec Plaza Art Gallery Sunday. The ambassador is seen here cutting the ribbon at the show.

Indian carpet show opens

By Suresh Shah
Arab News Staff

JEDDAH, March 28 — An exhibition-cum-sale of Indian hand woven silk carpets from Kashmir was inaugurated by Ambassador T.T.P. Abdullah at the Redec Plaza Art Gallery here Sunday.

"The first exclusive exhibition of pure Indian silk carpets in Saudi Arabia will help the experts and art lovers here to know the quality and varieties of carpets we produce. Our country can become a regular supplier of quality carpets comparable to the best available anywhere else," the ambassador said.

The show of nearly 1,000 carpets which has been organized by India's State Trading Corporation subsidiary, the Handicrafts and Handlooms Exports Corporation (HHEC), in collaboration with Le Faubourg, will remain open until April 3.

"We want to show the experts in the Kingdom that India also produces top quality car-

pets. Our weavers are capable of making special silk carpets of one million knots per square meter and such pieces are on display here," HHEC General Manager J.C. Sanyal told *Arab News*.

The corporation has collected 620 carpets of pure silk, about 250 of silk-based wool and others of pure wool from India's best weavers and direct producers are participating in the exhibition. "The Kingdom imports nearly \$40 million worth of carpets every year, but our share is very small. So if we get a good response to the show we are planning to open a permanent outlet here," said Sanyal.

India has been making carpets for the past 400 years. It is perhaps the only country which can produce carpets of any size and in exact lengths and breadth according to the buyer's requirement, he said. The number of looms currently engaged in the manufacture of knotted carpets is 70,000 at different centers.

Fahd-Arafat talks dubbed important

RIYADH, March 28 (SPA) — The Chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization Yasser Arafat has described his talks with King Fahd as "important." Arafat, who met with King Fahd Sunday, said the talks dealt with a number of issues, including "findings of the seven-member Arab League Committee which will meet in Fez on April 3, current developments in the Arab world, events in occupied lands, and the escalation of popular uprising there."

Speaking to SPA, Arafat said that he also discussed with King Fahd a host of bilateral

matters, the situation in the various developments.

Arafat's meeting with King Fahd was attended by Riyadh's Governor Prince Salman and Foreign Minister Saud Al-Faisal.

Arafat indicated that his meeting with King Hussein of Jordan has been postponed because of the visit of Oman's Sultan Qabous to Amman. The meeting will take place after Qabous' visit, Arafat said.

Arafat's meeting with King Hussein will center on Palestinian-Jordanian relations and its future dimensions.

Toyota chief visits Jeddah today

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 28 — H. Kamio, senior managing director of Toyota, will arrive in Jeddah Tuesday. He is scheduled to inspect ALJ United Company (Toyota) showrooms and branches in Jeddah.

Kamio visited Abdul Latif Jameel United Company's Riyadh showrooms and installa-

tions Sunday evening. He was accompanied on his tour by Hisham Shobokshi, general manager of Toyota, Riyadh.

Kamio expressed satisfaction with efforts and progress achieved by the Abdul Latif Jameel United Company in developing the services extended to its customers, especially regarding maintenance and spare parts.

Dar Al-Hanan to hold Book Week

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 28 — Dar Al-Hanan schools will hold Wednesday, March 30, the cultural season ceremony — the 10th Book Week — in which the activities of the students will be demonstrated reflecting their interest in knowledge, books and library. Apart from this, a general book exhibition displaying valuable books in English and Arabic will be held. The Saudi House for Publication and Distribution and *Okaz*

Bookshops Company will participate in the exhibition.

The invitation is open for all mothers and those interested in such activities.

It is to be noted that Dar Al-Hanan establishment will hold the Third Mothers' Congress for this year on the same day. Dr. Suad Maher will deliver an important lecture, which will be attended, in addition to those invited, by secondary students of Dar Al-Hanan schools.

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PERSONAL BANKING FOR OVERSEAS AMERICANS

American college official sees women's educational opportunities unfolding

By Jean Grant
Alkhorbar Bureau

ALKHOBAR, March 28 — "It is exciting to see the unfolding of educational opportunities for women in Saudi Arabia, it may not all be ideal, but neither was it at the outset of women's education in the United States," said Dr. Martha Church, president of Hood College in Maryland.

In a "dress-for-success" true-blue suit, Dr. Church, eyes sparkling blue and white-haired at 42, is full of common sense and enthusiasm as she talks of her meetings with educators in Jeddah and the Eastern Province. She speaks of "networking" and "connections" like a hard-headed businessman, but a moment later this college president, who has climbed some of the Rocky Mountains, snuffles up to a Persian cat.

Dr. Church, a geographer committed to separate education for women since her own collegiate days at Wellesley College in Massachusetts, came to Saudi Arabia because she wanted to meet the pioneers in women's education here. She was not disappointed.

"These are remarkable women," she said. "They are women who care about doing it right and not making mistakes. I enjoyed their warmth and friendship and although our problems are diverse, we can learn from each other."

If the history of women's education in America teaches anything, it is that "you can't get everything done overnight." The momentum for women's education seems greater in Saudi Arabia than it was 100 years ago in comparable American institutions. Education for women started here only in 1962, but there are already seven colleges, and three universities for women: fast work for 20 years.

In the early years of women's education in the U.S., doctors doubted the female brain could cope with rigorous study and feared education might impair a woman's ability to bear children. Progress was of the "two steps forward, one step back" variety. As late as 75 years after Mary Lyon founded Mount Holyoke in 1936, the first women's college, a president of Harvard in 1911 called women's education, "a noble experiment but not liable to last."

The 120 women's colleges now in America, from the famous Seven Sisters in New England to Mills and Scripps Colleges on the Pacific shore, have proved that Harvard president very wrong indeed. Separate education for women is not only surviving but even flourishing with enrollment gains of 15 percent made in the decade of the '70s.

But why do so many of the supposedly liberated women of America still choose single-sex colleges?

"Because we take them seriously," answers Dr. Church.

Much undoubtedly has changed in coeducation since 1842 when Oberlin College first permitted women to sit outside classroom doors, straining to hear the lecturers inside as they scribbled down notes. Church herself concedes that "there is no best context for women. Each woman has to pick the school which makes best sense for her." Nonetheless "glorious day when there will be true coeducation" as Dr. Church puts it, seems not yet to have arrived, at least not in America.

Church charges coed schools of often seeing women condescendingly as only "nice paying customers," while really gearing their programs to men. And this despite the fact

there are as many women enrolled as men! When women head only 240 of the nation's 3,000 colleges, is it any wonder that most positions of student leadership are taken by men? At coed schools the faculty is only 20 percent women, and most of these are in the lower echelons. Until forced to alter their funding allocations in sports, women's sports got only "cookie jar money" charged Church while the men got the bulk of the money. Many coed schools had no gynecologists in the clinics. More significantly, women students are subtly tracked away from the hard sciences and math, into the traditional "helping professions."

Until the 1970s, according to Dr. Church, the purpose of women's education in the U.S. was perceived as enabling women to be better helpmates to their spouses and better able to rear children. Liberal arts, teaching, and home economics were the basic fields. Times have changed: at Hood College, the largest numbers of majors are now in biology, math, computer science and management. And home economics is no longer just cooking and sewing but career-oriented studies of dietetics, energy conservation, and consumer advice.

Dr. Church claims that women's colleges are now leading the way in providing better learning environments for women. "We take women and their career aspirations seriously." There is also the matter of what Church terms the "subliminal messages" a student gets. If students see women are top administrators and full professors as well as secretaries and instructors, they will learn it is both right and normal for a woman to excel in any profession she chooses. The women's colleges stress the contributions of women to history and culture. Seeing women in positions of "authority, prestige, and power" gives their sisters the encouragement they need to work hard to succeed.

The value of such positive role models is illustrated by the track record of alumnae of women's colleges. Graduates of women's colleges are twice as likely to be mentioned in *Who's Who* as those of coeducational establishments, said Dr. Church, citing a survey done in 1973.

Women's colleges "tend to be less visible. No one knew we were around," said Church to explain why the women's colleges received relatively few students from Saudi Arabia. "We would be delighted to host visitors from here."

Church contends that a women's college may provide just the kind of protected learning environment a young woman coming from abroad needs. "We're not convents by any means, but we're not 20,000 students either. At Hood College, for instance, there is a ratio of 12 students to every faculty member so it is impossible to be invisible." The tradition of a "Big Sister" for each newcomer alleviates loneliness as does the orientation program and the student advisor found on most campuses.

With so many to choose from, however, how can a student make a wise choice among the 120?

Dr. Church proposes three steps. "First check if the school is regionally accredited. The USIS offices in the Kingdom can tell you in a jiffy. Secondly, consider what academic programs are offered and how they relate to your aspirations. The third consideration in selecting a college is location and size with the smaller communities often having more appeal for the young lady off on her own for the first time."



CAREER DAY: More than 900 students now participating in the University of Petroleum and Minerals orientation program recently attended a "Career Day" designed to aid them in making a career choice.

UPM students decide goals at 'Career Day'

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DHAHRAN, March 28 — The University of Petroleum and Minerals (UPM) held a Career Day recently to acquaint the university's 900 orientation students with the academic offerings of its various departments.

"A career choice is a crucial decision in everyone's life," Dr. Youssef O. Al Rashid, vice rector for academic affairs, told the students at the start of the day. Each student

asks himself, "How can I make the best and most appropriate choice in the light of my expectations, intention, abilities, and personality?"

Rashid pointed out that Saudi Arabia "requires all specialties and provides opportunities rarely varying in importance, whether in the private or public sector." If a student finds his personal interests conflict with his abilities, however, he should choose

a career based on his abilities.

Career Day in the past at UPM consisted of lectures and question and answer series. This year the approach was a more stimulating show and tell presentation. The colleges of environmental design and of industrial management as well as the departments of chemistry, physics, mathematics, and mechanical, petroleum, chemical and electrical engineering participated. Many showed videos and films related to their subjects. The Chemical Engineering Department brought recent graduates now working at Aramco to tell what their work was like. Computer science featured two computers "talking" (communicating) to each other while chemical engineering drew students to their booth with a demonstration of hydrogen and oxygen explosions. Mathematics entertained students with puzzles like Rubik's Cube and the Königsberg Bridge Problem. Booths were all manned by faculty eager to give information and answer questions about their specialties.

"The purpose of Career Day," said Dr. Muhammad A. Mulla, Director of the orientation year program, "is to educate students into career possibilities available at UPM so they can make a choice of career on a rational basis." If students are aware of the nature of the various fields, they won't choose a major on the wrong assumption of what the field involves.



DEPARTMENTAL DISPLAYS: Various UPM departments had demonstrations of their equipment and video displays related to their subjects.

Sultan chairs reform committee deliberations

RIYADH, March 28 — The Higher Administrative Reform Committee met here Monday afternoon under Prince Sultan, the second deputy premier and minister of defense and aviation. The prince is the committee's vice president. During the meeting 12 studies prepared by a preparatory committee on the re-organization of some government departments were discussed.

Faisal Islamic Bank raises Sudanese capital, declares 25 % dividend

KHARTOUM, March 28 — The capital of the Faisal Islamic Bank in the Sudan has been raised to 100 million Sudanese pounds, and shareholders will receive a 25 percent dividend for the fiscal year 1982, according to Prince Muhammad Al-Faisal.

Prince Muhammad said that investors will receive 14.5 percent for funds they deposited after July 1, 1981, *Al-Madina* reported Monday. In his report, read at the annual meeting of the assembly of shareholders, the prince said that the bank managed to boost Sudan's export revenue by \$102 million, to offset the balance between exports and imports.

The Faisal Islamic Bank also helped Sudan become secure in terms of strategic goods, especially energy, fuels and production inputs amounting to \$112.8 million. It also filled the gap in many other vital fields.

The bank set up the Real Estate Development Company which is already implementing Al-Hamra housing project, at Al-Mansheyyah district. The project calls for building a residential city for 400 families. It will cost 80 million Sudanese pounds.

Furthermore, the bank established an Islamic investment company with a \$10 million capital to finance various projects. Prince Muhammad who is the bank's president, said that the bank's profitability last year increased by 108 percent. In 1981, it was 11.6 million Sudanese pounds; but it jumped to 24.1 percent. Deposits also went up 98 percent to reach 202.4 million pounds, which led to an expansion of the bank's structure. Consequently, the *zakat* (Islamic dues to the poor) paid by the bank also increased from half a million to three million Sudanese pounds this year.

The bank will also organize cultural festivals and seminars where prominent scholars will give lectures on Islamic economics which combine morals with business and prohibit *riba* (usury) in any form, such as interest.

Earlier, Prince Muhammad conferred with President Jaafar Numeiri and Vice-President Maj. Gen. Omar Muhammad Al-Tayeb. The meeting followed the inauguration of the Islamic Solidarity Bank, which is one of the many Islamic banks that began playing an active role in the Islamization of the Sudanese economy.

Prince Saud to attend graduation

JEDDAH, March 28 (SPA) — The Institute of Diplomatic Studies (IDS) will celebrate the graduation of its second batch of cadets for the year 1981-82 Tuesday under the patronage of Foreign Minister Prince Saud-Al-Faisal.

The class includes 15 students who received their diplomas in diplomatic affairs and 107 others who finished a training course in shorthand, typing, economics, diplomatic relations, administrative and international law, political science and memorandum drafting.

The institute was established here in 1979 to recruit personnel in the Foreign Ministry as well as governmental bodies and enhance their experience and knowledge in diplomatic affairs.

Jeddah official reports record telephone lines

JEDDAH, March 28 — There are now a record number of telephones in operation here with a total of 145,000 lines now in use. Wahid Fawaz Kayal, Jeddah area telephone director, told *Okaz* that the total number of lines is expected to rise to 165,000 by the end of April, 1984.

Kayal said that on average, telephone installations in Jeddah are now taking one week from application to installation, a noteworthy achievement which surpasses service obtainable in other countries.

The Jeddah director said that preparations are currently under way to make additional telephone service available where they are needed. He said improved telephone services will soon be provided to residents of the Bawadi Quarter, Makkah Road and the Mustadiat area.

Makkah water supply increased

JEDDAH, March 28 — Makkah's daily water supply was increased by 7,000 cubic meters since Saturday when pumping started at Wadi Rahjan, five kilometers from Al-Yajmoum station, Makkah Governor Prince Majed was told Sunday. The prince is also the board chairman of the Western Province Water and Sewage Department.

A department spokesman told *Al-Bilad* Monday that the new quantities raised to 90,000 cubic meters a day the holy city's fresh water supply.

Four new wells have also been handed over at Wadi Bani Umair for which electric power generators have been ordered. The generators are expected soon and will pump an additional 9,000 cubic meters to bring the total to 100,000 cubic meters a day, before Ramadan.

The spokesman, Fahd Al-Sulayman, director of the department, said that the new supply pushed the city's water pressure from 18 to 24 degrees, which is a good omen for Makkah residents.

Prayer Times

	Makkah	Madinah	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
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Fajr (Dawn)	4:52	4:52	4:24	4:10	4:34	5:03
Dhuhr (Noon)	12:26	12:27	11:58	11:45	12:09	12:39
Asr (Afternoon)	3:51	3:54	3:26	3:13	3:38	4:09
Maghreb (Sunset)	6:55	6:37	6:08	5:56	6:20	6:51
Isha (Night)	8:05	8:07	7:38	7:26	7:50	8:21

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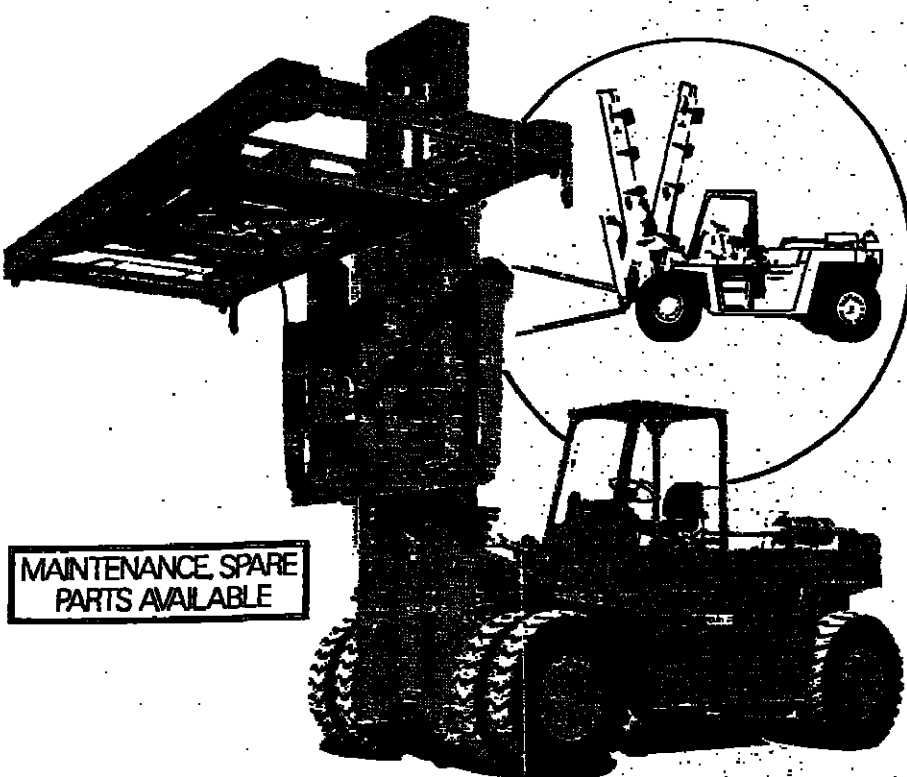
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Ankara, Damascus debate Armenian problem

DAMASCUS, March 28 (R) — Turkish Foreign Minister İtler Turkmen discussed Monday bilateral relations and developments in the Middle East with Syrian leaders. Turkmen, who arrived here Sunday, met Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam and discussed attacks by Armenian guerrillas on Turkish diplomats abroad.

Following the killing in Belgrade earlier this month of Turkey's ambassador to Yugoslavia, the Turkish Foreign Ministry said it would take up the issue with countries where Ankara suspected militant Armenians were based.

Turkmen's visit to Syria follows a trip to Lebanon earlier this month where he is said to have raised the issue with President Amin Gemayel and asked him to take action against Armenian guerrilla groups based in Lebanon.

Turkish newspapers said Turkmen would make a similar request in Damascus.

Armenian gunmen are reported to have killed at least 25 Turks living abroad during the past decade.

Turkmen will meet Prime Minister Abdul Rauf Al-Kassab on Tuesday. He is also expected to see President Hafiz Assad.

Meanwhile, a Dutch appeals court Monday sentenced a Turkish national of Armenian descent to a five-year prison term in the attack on a Turkish diplomat in the port city of Rotterdam.

The attack was launched by four gunmen as Turkish Consul General Kemal Demirel drove to his office last July 21. In a police chase following the shootout, Penayemin Evingulu was shot in the stomach and arrested, while the other three assailants escaped. Demirel and his driver were unhurt in the attack.

Top Palestinian leader meets Assad

DAMASCUS, March 28 (R) — Syrian President Hafiz Assad conferred with Khaled Al-Fahoum, speaker of the Palestine National Council (parliament-in-exile), the official Syrian news agency SANA reported.

The meeting, which lasted two-and-a-half hours Sunday, was the first between the Syrian head of state and a senior Palestinian official for over three months.

Fahoum heads a committee representing various Palestinian factions formed late last year to discuss better relations between Syria and some Palestinian commando groups.

SANA said the topic of Sunday's meeting was "Syria's firm attitude to the Palestine question, its support for the Palestinian revolution and its resistance to any attempt to liquidate the Palestinian people."

Britain calls on Israel to match Arab initiative for peace

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Ethiopia woos Eritreans by reviving economy

ASMARA, Ethiopia, March 28 (AP) — The Ethiopian government is attempting to settle its 21-year-old conflict with Eritrea by boosting the economy of the northern province, once one of the country's richest.

While military activity has pushed further south toward Tigre province, the Asaba Ababa authorities are trying to attract former freedom fighters and refugees who had fled to Sudan back to regions under government control by handing out food and launching development projects.

The chief administrator for Eritrea, Ebru Wolde Tensai, said that "47,000" have already come back and are joining their previous life. For the future, we believe that more will be coming, because life has returned to normalcy."

But in a meeting with a group of journalists, the administrator admitted that "a few individuals are still disturbing the peace in remote places."

The government's Red Star campaign has year, intended to bring the threat from Eritrean separatists under control, was a military failure. In spite of heavy investment in men and equipment, the Ethiopian Army and its Soviet advisers were unable to recapture Nakfa — "a very insignificant place."

The road leading west to Sudan is still not safe and the Ethiopian Army has not managed to stop the Eritreans helping the fighters.

But the economic side of the Red Star campaign has met with more success. Fifteen of Eritrea's 20 largest companies have reopened for business, after closing down in 1978, and their production has risen by more than 150 percent compared to 1977, according to the authorities.

Markets in Keren, Massawa and here in Asmara, the province's three largest towns, are very busy, reflecting an upturn in rural activity.

Part of the aid distributed to the drought victims throughout the northern region comes from Eritrea, but the government, aware of its shortcomings, is attempting to obtain international aid for its development projects.

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) was one of the first international bodies to agree to help Ethiopia in this field and has included Eritrean development projects in its special program to help returning Ethiopian refugees, for which \$20 million have been set aside.

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Eytan rules out war with Syria

TEL AVIV, March 28 (AFP) — Gen. Raphael Eytan, Israel's outgoing military chief of staff, disputed Monday the opinion of his prospective replacement — that Israel should be prepared for a conflict with Syria within a few months.

There is, he said in an interview with Israeli radio, "no sign indicating any Syrian preparations for war this spring or summer." He was responding to a statement last week by Gen. Moshe Levy, who is slated to become chief of staff when Eytan retires.

Gen. Levy told military correspondents that the army should be prepared for a conflict with Syria "in spring or summer" in case of a failure in the negotiations over foreign troop withdrawals from Lebanon.

Gen. Eytan said Israel is "examining carefully all existing possibilities and options, but has no precise indication of an eventual Syrian decision to resume hostilities."

"A failure in the Israeli-Lebanese negotiations... would not necessarily provoke an outbreak of hostilities between Israel and Syria," he said.

He added, however, that he found it "entirely possible that after an eventual Israeli-Lebanese agreement, the Syrians refuse to leave Lebanese territory." If that happens, he said, "we will have to find a solution."

Gen. Eytan also defended himself against a government commission's finding last month that he should have moved to prevent, or halt, the massacre in September of hundreds of Palestinians in the Sabra and Shatila camps of West Beirut.

The report, which led to the departure of former Defense Minister Ariel Sharon, made it clear that it would also have asked that Gen. Eytan be replaced if his mandate was not coming to an end in April.

BRIEFS

RABAT (AFP) — Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez arrived here Monday on a two-day official visit to Morocco during which he was to have talks with King Hassan II.

ADEN (R) — Military delegations from the Soviet Union and South Yemen ended five days of talks here Sunday and an official statement said both sides were greatly satisfied that their views on issues of mutual concern were identical.

DHAKA (R) — Bangladesh Foreign Minister Shamsud Doha will fly to Rabat, Morocco, next Sunday for a two-day meeting of the Al-Quds Committee, an Islamic body trying to end Israeli occupation of Jerusalem.

CAIRO (AFP) — Israeli annexation policies in the occupied territories and aggression against Lebanon block Jordanians and Palestinians from participating in the Middle East process, Egyptian Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said Sunday.

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (AP) — A university student and the son of former U.S. President Richard Nixon's solicitor general say they entered Afghanistan earlier this month and saw battles between freedom fighters and Soviet-backed forces.

TEL AVIV (AP) — If elections were held in Israel now, the Likud Party would still emerge as the strongest party, but the gap

between it and the opposition is narrowing, indicates a poll published Monday in the *Jerusalem Post*.

ANKARA (AFP) — Turkey's new electoral law, which should constitute one of the final steps for a return to the democracy suspended by the military coup in September 1980, will be submitted to the consultative assembly within two weeks, a Turkish official said here Monday.

DAMASCUS (AP) — Palestine Liberation Organization senior officials on Monday denied press and radio reports in the Middle East that an exchange of prisoners between Israel and the PLO was imminent.

BEIRUT (AP) — The eight Israeli war prisoners held by the Palestine Liberation Organization have been flown to Tunisia, the privately owned "Voice of Lebanon" radio station reported Monday.

TEHRAN (AFP) — Some members of the Iranian Communist Party, will be publicly tried on charges of "subversion and espionage," chief prosecutor Hojatollah Hossein Mussavi Tabrizi told the daily *Ettelaat* in an interview published here Monday.

BEIRUT (R) — The commander of U.S. Marines in Beirut was quoted Sunday as saying he believed the series of tense confrontations between his men and Israeli troops outside the Lebanese capital was over.

Saddam receives Ceausescu's note

BAGHDAD, March 28 (R) — Iraqi President Saddam Hussein was handed a message from President Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania on economic and technical cooperation between the two countries, the Iraq News Agency said.

The message was delivered by Tudor Postelnicu, secretary of state at the Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs and chief of the state security department.

Iraqi Interior Minister Saadoun Shaker visited Romania in January for talks with Romanian officials on bilateral relations and cooperation.

S. Yemen may sell MiGs to Nicaragua

BEIRUT, March 28 (AP) — South Yemen is negotiating the sale of its old MiG-17 fighter jets to Nicaragua, the independent Beirut newspaper *Al-Nahar* reported Monday.

The newspaper quoted unnamed Western diplomatic sources in Beirut as saying the deal was being negotiated during a current visit to Managua by South Yemeni Defense Minister Salem Musleh Kassem.

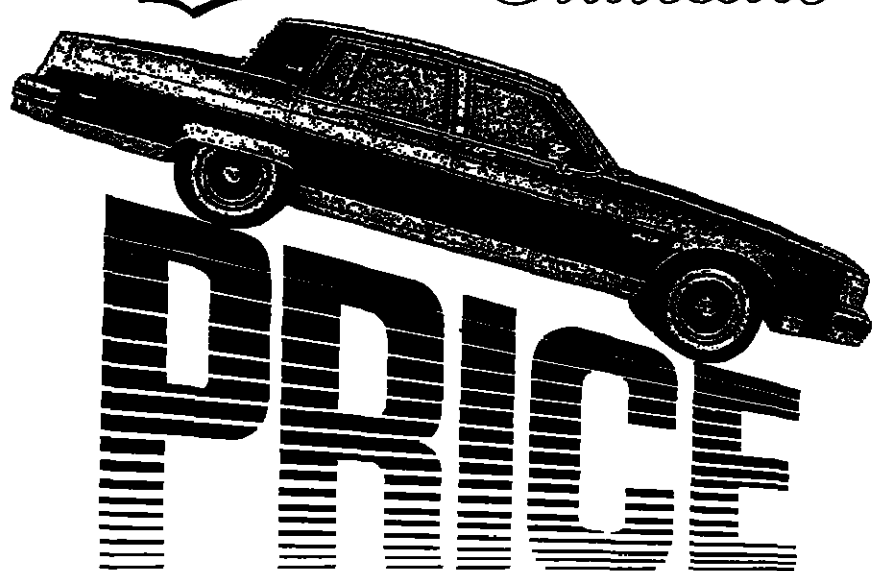
Al-Nahar quoted its sources as saying the MiG-17 was obsolete by modern standards.



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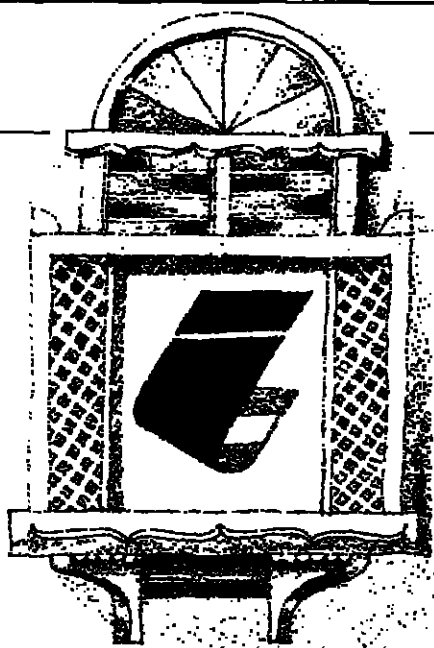
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Indonesian minister says

U.S. 'overstating Soviet threat'

BANGKOK, March 28 (AFP) — The Reagan administration has overstated the Soviet threat to Southeast Asia as part of an apparent bid to justify greater military outlays, Indonesian Foreign Minister Mochtar Kusumastjadinaja said here.

In an interview with Agence France-Presse, Mochtar referred to increased expressions of U.S. concern as a "scare" and linked it to the annual budget debate in Washington. In his view the United States still had the edge in the region, and the Soviets, despite increased use of forward staging facilities in Vietnam, were seriously handicapped by logistical problems.

Mochtar spoke before leaving the Thai capital here for home Saturday after a meeting between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the European Economic Community (EEC).

Mochtar said he was not a military expert, but he held that the Vietnamese port of Cam Ranh Bay and air base at Danang, now regularly used by the Soviets, could not be compared with U.S. facilities at Clark Air Base and Subic Bay naval station in the Philippines.

The logistics were difficult because the Soviet Pacific fleet largely remains in ports in

the Sea of Japan at Vladivostok, under ice for at least 60 percent of the year, he noted.

The small-gauge, single track rail link between Vladivostok and Soviet industrial centers also made it tough to shuttle the "masses of material which you really need when you establish a base in the real sense of the word," Mochtar added.

Adm. Robert Long, commander in chief of U.S. forces in the Pacific, told the House Armed Services Committee March 8 that U.S. forces in the Pacific may have to cope with Soviet ships and aircraft from Cam Ranh Bay "at the expense of other critical mission assignments" in the early stages of a general war.

Adm. Long added that use of Vietnamese bases had boosted the range of the Soviet Navy to operate "routinely" throughout the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

Mochtar said the Soviet toehold was further troubled by what he called the "highly nationalistic nature" of the Vietnamese, who have not yet granted the Soviet Union full base rights. Expressing the conviction that Vietnam was unhappy about its growing dependence on Moscow, he said Indonesia and its partners in ASEAN were still hoping to interest Hanoi in "the ASEAN option," a

chance to reduce big-power rivalry in the region.

"We say in effect to them, 'look you have tried both options (Communist China and the Soviet Union), now why don't you try the third, which is cooperation with ASEAN,'" This would enable ASEAN members to carry out a pledge in the Philippines at their foreign ministers' conference in 1981, to assist Vietnam in reconstruction without it having to fear outside domination, Mochtar said.

But he stressed that Vietnam had to agree to a comprehensive settlement in Cambodia, where it has an estimated 150,000-180,000 troops, before any real progress could be made toward reducing tension in the region. "The Cambodian question is a test for us of their good will, I think it is a valid condition," he said. "We want to make sure that what happened to Cambodia will not happen to one of us."

Indonesia's partners in ASEAN are Thailand — the front-line member bordering Communist-ruled Cambodia and Laos — Malaysia, Singapore and the Philippines. Mochtar expressed confidence that the polarization between ASEAN and the Indochinese states — Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos — could be overcome in perhaps five years.

Time has evidence of KGB plot on pope

NEW YORK, March 28 (R) — *Time* magazine says it has found evidence to confirm a newspaper report that a Bulgarian Embassy worker in Paris who defected in 1981 told French authorities the Soviet KGB had ordered Pope John Paul II killed.

In its latest edition, published Sunday, *Time* said it had uncovered a new "fragment" of evidence which did not answer the question whether the Soviet Union, acting through Bulgaria, was behind the May 1981 attack on the pope but "tightens the web of circumstantial evidence around the Kremlin."

The *New York Times* said March 23 the defector, Jordan Mantarov, 48, told the French that the Soviet KGB intelligence

agency and Bulgarian secret service devised the plot to kill the pope. He said a Bulgarian state security agent had divulged the plot to him, the paper said.

Time said it had corroborated the newspaper's account although it did not say how. But the magazine questioned the accuracy of the paper's report that Mantarov defected in July 1981, two months after the pope was shot. It said Bulgarian emigres living in Paris insist he defected on April 11.

Time said that meant Mantarov could have told the French of the plot before the pope was shot. "What makes this speculation important is that Alexandre de Marenches, then head of French intelligence, has said he had solid evidence in late April 1981, that an

assassination attempt against the pope was imminent," it said.

"He was so confident of his information that he dispatched a pair of deputies to the Vatican to advise papal aides of the plot." The attempt was carried out on May 13 by Mehmet Ali Agca, a Turkish terrorist.

Meanwhile, Bulgaria's official news agency Sunday accused Western intelligence services of inspiring a *New York Times* report that the Soviet KGB and the Bulgarian secret service were behind the attempt to kill the pope.

The BTA news agency said the unnamed intelligence services were "panting for breath in their helplessness" to prove that Bulgaria was behind the attempt by Ali Agca to shoot the pope.

Front-line states condemn S. African policy

LISBON, March 28 (AP) — A three-day international conference on solidarity with southern Africa's front-line states winding up here Sunday has prepared a sweeping condemnation of white minority-ruled South Africa, conference sources said.

The sources said the political portion of the conference's final declaration would include recognition of Marxist Angola's right to defend itself against repeated South African attacks and condemnation of what the group regards as planned economic domination of

the region by Pretoria.

The sources, who asked not to be identified, said the statement also included recognition by the meeting's delegates of Angola's right to "seek and obtain assistance from other countries" in its self-defense, an apparent endorsement of the continued presence of the estimated 30,000 Cuban troops stationed in the country. The statement did not specify military or technical assistance, they said.

Representatives from the front-line

states—Angola, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Lesotho and Botswana—were taking part in the conference, along with the leaders of the Southwest African People's Organization (SWAPO), the Namibian independence movement, and South Africa's banned black nationalist group, the African National Congress (ANC). Over 40 international organizations were also attending.

The meeting also condemned the "systematic occupation" of southern Angola by South African forces.

Americans 'planned' to kill Barbie

DAYTON, Ohio, March 28 (AFP) — The U.S. intelligence service planned at the end of World War II to kill Klaus Barbie, Gestapo chief of Lyons, France, rather than hand him over to French counterintelligence, according to a report in the *Dayton Daily News*.

The newspaper quoted as its source a man, Gene Brumel, who claimed to have served in Augsburg, West Germany, from 1950 to 1952, in the counterespionage service of the 66th army. The report said that the Americans and French so disliked and distrusted each other that when the time came the Americans drew straws to see who would execute Barbie.

Brumel said the decision to kill Barbie was made for fear that he would identify all the Germans working for the United States and give information about U.S. intelligence activities. U.S. intelligence, Brumel said, was convinced that the French intelligence services were infiltrated by Communists and they feared, because of this, that their efforts would be compromised.

Barbie, known as "the butcher of Lyons," was twice sentenced to death in absentia by French justice. He was expelled last month from Bolivia, where he had lived since the 1950s, and is now awaiting trial in France for "crimes against humanity." Barbie faces a life sentence in the new trial.

Brumel, now a representative of a student exchange program, said his unit worked with Barbie to gather information on the German Communist party and to coordinate the activities of other Europeans in this respect.

The assassination plans went so far that agents drew straws to carry out the assignment. Brumel didn't get the short straw, and he wouldn't say who did.

"If worse came to worse, the one who drew the short straw would take him up to the autobahn (highway) and shoot him," said Brumel. "Drive him up the autobahn at night... Shoot him... Come back."

Brumel said what he thinks happened instead: "We were informed the air force had come up with an alternate plan. And that was to get him to South America. That's all we were told and we weren't in on anything after that."

Walesa predicts victory for Poles

GDANSK, Poland, March 28 (AP) — Lech Walesa told about 600 cheering supporters of Poland's outlawed Solidarity labor movement that "the time will come when we will win."

The leader of the outlawed labor movement, speaking near the union's birthplace at the Lenin Shipyard here, vowed to be present when the union's activists go on trial.

Meanwhile, about 400 Solidarity supporters who were interned during the year of martial law signed an appeal to the Polish Parliament asking for amnesty for Poles convicted of martial-law offenses, a former union activist said.

The admiring crowd shouted "long live Leszek" and a 12-year-old boy approached Walesa and gave him a live turtle. "It's all what I have, what I love," the boy said.

Walesa, until recently, has avoided public appearances since being released in November from 11 months of solitary internment. But, beginning with a series of courtroom appearances to demonstrate support for Solidarity activists tried for suspected martial law violations, Walesa has returned frequently to the public eye.

He said in mid-March that Solidarity supporters must "choose more effective and more visible means to demonstrate that we are still here and that we will not give up."

Walesa has suggested, as examples of visible protest, that Poles could eschew state-produced and distributed drinks in favor of home-made ones.

The state-run media have largely ignored Walesa's appearances, although the Communist Party daily in Gdansk said Saturday that Walesa finds it "difficult to come to terms with his loss of popularity" and is seeking "sensations" to remain "at the top of world press reports."

The newspaper, *Glos Wybrzeza*, said Walesa was reaching "for a sensation" by suggesting that there may have been a plot to kill him during his trip to Italy in 1981.

Walesa on other occasions has predicted victory for the Solidarity movement, which was suspended with the martial law decree in December, 1981, and outlawed in October. He did not elaborate on his flat assertion Sunday, "the time will come when we will win."

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American group says

Salvadoran Army 'weakened severely'

WASHINGTON, March 28 (AP) — The Salvadoran government's military position has deteriorated so severely that leftist guerrillas could launch major attacks into El Salvador's capital by October unless dramatic action is taken, according to the head of a leading U.S. conservative group.

F. Andy Messing Jr., executive director of the conservative caucus and a former member of the Green Beret special combat force, said in a report on El Salvador that the morale of the government soldiers has eroded and corruption plagues the Salvadoran military.

"El Salvador is corrupt from top to bottom," said Messing, who has visited El Salvador.

U.S. reporter still detained

SAN SALVADOR, March 28 (AP) — Police continued to detain American reporter T.J. Western Sunday in connection with a story he filed about the war here, but refused to comment on what charges he is facing.

Western, 32, was arrested Saturday morning with Joan Ambrose Newton, 31, also an American reporter, at Western's San Salvador apartment. Ms. Newton, a U.S. citizen of South African birth, was released from treasury police headquarters and was being held under house arrest at the residence of an American official here.

Police said there was no investigation into her activities, but did not rule out such a probe. Ms. Newton, 31, works for NBC Radio and the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Western, who does freelance work for National Public Radio, AP Radio and other American networks, "is collaborating with the police," said a treasury police captain, who asked not to be identified by name.

The captain refused to disclose what charges Western might be facing, or what charges were being investigated. He said police had confiscated films, tapes and other materials from Western's apartment and were looking through it, but he would not say what they were looking for.

The arrest came as the result of a telephone call Western made to a National Public Radio Spanish-speaking station in California earlier this month, the captain said. In the call, Western filed a story in which he interviewed leftist Salvadoran guerrillas, as well as American Ambassador Deane R. Hinton and Salvadoran business leaders, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said.

The foreign press in El Salvador has been the frequent target of verbal attacks by authorities, who charge that correspondents are biased toward the leftist insurgents in the country's 31-month-long civil war.

Jenkins to yield over leadership

LONDON, March 28 (AFP) — Britain's Social Democrat leader Roy Jenkins said here Sunday he might well stand aside to let Liberal Party chief David Steel head the alliance formed by their two parties.

The alliance has still to decide who should lead it into the next general election, which is due to be staged by June next year at the latest. The leader of the winning party becomes prime minister.

The Social Democrats have maintained so far that Jenkins can claim leadership of the alliance because of his experience as a senior minister in governments formed by the Labor Party. The Liberals for their part point out that Steel constantly tops all the opinion polls as Britain's most popular political figure.

And in a television interview Sunday, Jenkins agreed that he could serve under Steel's authority if they decided together that was the best solution. "Of course, I would serve under Mr. Steel... if we jointly judged that was the right position," he said.

The Social Democrat position in the alliance has weakened after the poor showing of their candidate in last Thursday's by-election in the marginal seat of Darlington in northeast England. The official opposition Labor Party retained the seat with an improved share of the vote. The ruling Conservatives came second.

The Liberal wing of the alliance has been riding high since last month's resounding victory in a south London by-election, where the Liberal candidate snatched a seat held by Labor for some 50 years. In the ensuing opinion polls, the alliance jumped ahead of Labor into second place behind the Tories.

But the first poll since Darlington, broadcast on television Sunday showed that the alliance had dropped back to third place, losing seven points in the lineup of voter preferences. The poll recorded that 42 percent of the electorate would vote Tory if an election took place now. Labor had 35 percent backing, and the alliance 21 percent.

12 die in Mexico clash

TUXTLA GUTIERREZ, Mexico, March 28 (AP) — Twelve peasant farmers died and more than 20 were injured in a violent dispute over about 250 acres of land in Mexico's southernmost state, the government newspaper *El Nacional* reported Sunday.

El Nacional said the skirmish broke out Saturday in the tiny village of Chalchihuitan in Chiapas state.

Peasant farmers who sympathize with the ruling Institutional Revolutionary Party tried to prevent members of the opposition Socialist Workers' Party from taking over the land by force, the newspaper said.

Members of the judicial police and the public security directorate were dispatched to the town to try to impose order and hundreds of peasants escaped into nearby mountains to avoid arrest, *El Nacional* reported.

The injured, many hurt seriously, were being treated in nearby hospitals, the newspaper said. Both groups want the land, but a settlement of the dispute has been held up for several years in the department of agrarian reform.

vador five times since last August. His organization lobbies the U.S. Congress for legislation on a wide range of issues.

Messing warned that the increasing desperation of the military position will lead to soldiers executing people that "they pick up in the field that they suspect (are) terrorists.... As the deterioration occurs at a quantum rate, the human rights violations by not only the left, but the right, curve upward."

In an interview last week, Messing said President Ronald Reagan's proposal for \$110 million in increased military aid to El Salvador, coupled with a new emphasis on using smaller fighting units, could turn the tide if the aid is approved by Congress.

"If El Salvador goes down the tubes, it's Congress that will be at fault," Messing said. But in his report, Messing also cast a great deal of blame on the Salvadoran Army.

He said the Salvadoran military must shift from conventional warfare to so-called "irregular" or fighting with small units of men—an opinion shared by many of Reagan's military advisers.

By using aggressive small-unit tactics, fighting 24 hours a day and denying the guerrillas sanctuary in neighboring Honduras, Messing said the Salvadoran Army could regain the initiative from the leftist rebels.

He said, however, that a change of tactics will require the removal of Defense Minister Jose Guillermo Garcia, who has also been criticized by some of his younger officers as failing to pursue the war aggressively.

Messing said one reason the military prefers to fight in a conventional manner is that it gives the high command access to more money and equipment that can be illegally diverted to personal wealth.

"You get a chance to scrape off some money or sell equipment," he said. Messing said El Salvador's government will reach a "crossroads" between May, the start of the planting season, and August. Shortly after that, the U.S. government must certify the government is making human rights progress or cut off aid.



JEEP SUCCESSOR: AM General Corp., a subsidiary of American Motors Corp., has been awarded a \$1.2 billion contract by the U.S. Army, to build a low-slung, diesel-powered 1 1/4-ton tactical vehicle called the Hummer. The new all-terrain multipurpose wheeled vehicle will be the successor to the jeep.

Papandreou in Canada

OTTAWA, March 28 (AP) — Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou was greeted by hundreds of cheering, banner-waving members of Ottawa's Greek community at Canadian forces base South Sunday as he began an official visit to Canada.

Papandreou's wife Margaret and Foreign Minister Yannis Haralambopoulos were met at the airport by External Affairs Minister Allan Rock.

The Socialist leader held talks Monday with Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Finance Minister Marc Lalonde and Defense Minister Gilles Lamontagne on economic and political issues and the possible purchase of military equipment for the Greek army.

During his first official visit to Canada since becoming prime minister 18 months ago, Papandreou also will meet with leaders of the large Greek communities in Montreal and Toronto. While in Toronto, he will receive an honorary degree from York University where he taught during his exile from Greece from 1967 to 1974.

Hanoi satisfied with Cheysson

HANOI, March 28 (AFP) — French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson left here Monday after pledging France's readiness to help ease tensions in Southeast Asia and holding talks that left Vietnamese officials "very satisfied."

He also expressed hope for the withdrawal of Hanoi's forces from Cambodia but told a news conference Sunday: "Realities being what they are, we do not want to see Vietnamese troops leaving so that the unprecedented horrors committed by the Khmer Rouge will be repeated."

Cheysson, who had talks Sunday with his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen co Thach, met for 30 minutes Monday with Prime Minister Pham Van Dong before winding up his 24-hour stay and heading for New Delhi and Islamabad. The French minister said in a banquet toast Sunday night that Paris "would be happy and proud to contribute" to a regional dialogue and was ready to render assistance on a humanitarian level.

It was also willing "to proclaim evident truths at the risk of shocking those who prefer not to hear or who take refuge behind principles as magnificent as they are unrealistic or premature in their applications," he said.

Pham Van Dong told AFP Monday he was "very satisfied" with Cheysson's visit, the first by a French foreign minister here since the Vietnamese intervention in Cambodia to oust the Khmer Rouge in January 1979. The prime minister said that both sides agreed on the need to boost cooperation.

Cheysson had said that France would not deal with the Cambodian resistance coalition headed by Prince Norodom Sihanouk because it included the Khmer Rouge, guilty of "unprecedented horrors."

He said Paris hoped that 200 million francs (\$27.4 million) in French financial aid to Hanoi, frozen because of lack of agreement on the rescheduling of Vietnam's foreign debt, would be unblocked. Thach said the problem was due to "temporary difficulties."

BRIEFS

NEW DELHI (R) — Music and amateur science are being used in a vain attempt to bring rain to the parched South Indian city of Madras, where people have come to blows as they queue up all night for water. *The Statesman* newspaper said that a lengthy concert by a celebrated local violinist had failed to yield rain. Now a local bank clerk claimed to be using a telephone or amateur radio transmitter to send coded electronic impulses to the skies requesting rain. *The Statesman* accused the city fathers of relying on magic and the occult instead of taking practical steps to relieve the water shortage caused by scanty winter rains.

LONDON (AP) — Photographs of Prince Andrew with English women companions in the Caribbean covered three pages of *The Daily Mirror* Monday. The adventures of the helicopter pilot prince on shore leave during the current cruise of his aircraft carrier, *HMS Invincible*, have had the tabloids all agog for days. A front-page picture showed the prince standing on a poolside patio in Barbados while blonde ex-model Vicki Hodge, 36, lounged in the sun beside him. The pictures were taken by Miss Hodge and her companions. Miss Hodge was earlier reported to have asked 40,000 pounds (\$58,400) for similar photographs. *The Daily Mirror* explained that Miss Hodge "angrily denies suggestions that from the beginning she sought to cash in on her friendship with Andrew."

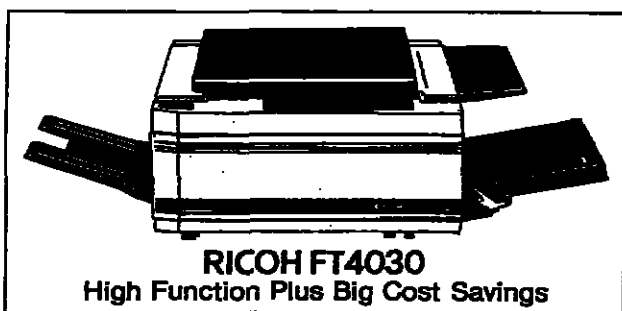
PARIS (AFP) — France's 8,500 jewelers, who consider that they have the most dangerous job in the country, are starting to fight back against holdup men. In the past 18 months holdup gunmen have preferred to attack jewelry shops rather than banks, now heavily protected by armed guards, closed circuit television and electronic alarm systems. Since the beginning of this year, robbers have stolen more cash from jewelry shops than from banks and post offices. Last year six jewelers were shot dead when they resisted gunmen. But now they have started to hit back. On Friday, when three gunmen attacked a jewelry shop, the owner's son opened fire on them with his father's loaded revolver. Two of them, with police records for armed assault, were shot dead.

LONDON (AFP) — British military demolition experts in Northern Ireland on Sunday defused 99-pound bombs planted by the Provisional Irish Republican Army to kill British security forces, a reliable source said here.

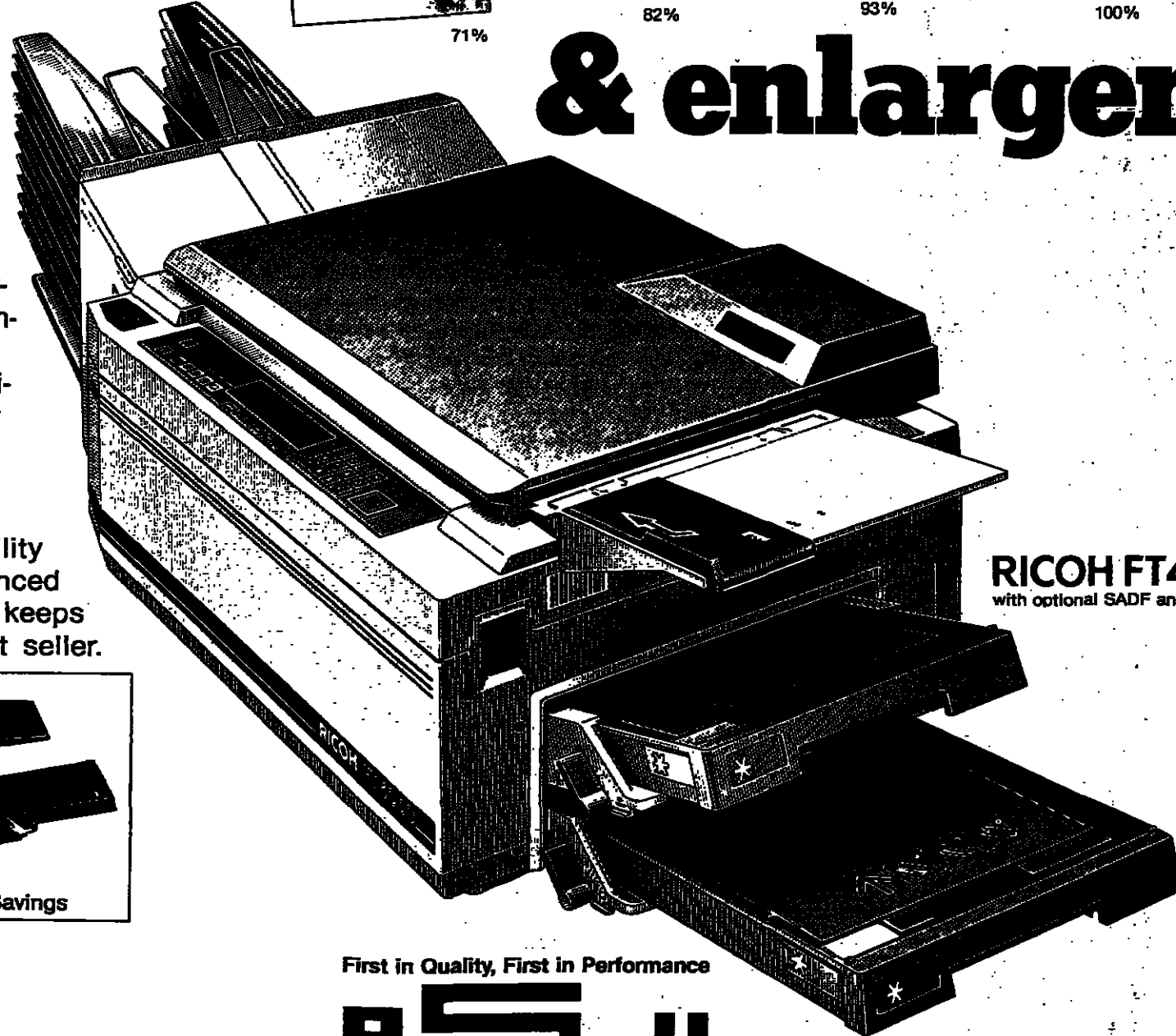
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Children particularly vulnerable

Meningitis epidemic hits West Africa

By Denis Herbert

LONDON (LOS) — An epidemic of a virulent form of meningitis is threatening two West African countries, Gambia and Senegal. Children are particularly vulnerable, and if not treated, half the victims will die.

Dr. Brian Greenwood, head of the British-run Medical Research Council team in Gambia, described the onslaught of the epidemic in one inland village of 300 people. There 30 had contracted the disease, cerebro-spinal meningitis, and six had died. "One man lost three children in one day," Dr. Greenwood said.

"Fortunately we had vaccines and could treat most of the cases, otherwise many more would have died. But you can imagine the panic when the disease struck this small community. Multiply this through many villages and you see how serious the problem is."

Meningitis attacks the linings of the brain

and can kill within two to three days. Even if the child survives, there is a chance of permanent deafness.

Countries like Gambia and Senegal still lack primary health care schemes. The British team has few doctors and is also occupied providing other medical services, so the meningitis death toll could be high, Dr. Greenwood fears.

He is now back in London after attending a world conference on cerebro-spinal meningitis in Marseilles, organized by the World Health Organization.

Doctors from 25 countries discussed ways of using the vaccine, which costs about a dollar per person to administer. One injection, easily given by a village health service officer, provides immunity, or can save the life of a person already infected.

With injections, fatalities drop from half to as low as 10 percent. However, an injection will not stop the spread of the disease as it does not clear the organisms from the throat.

Healthy people can be carriers without succumbing themselves. The bacteria are spread by sneezing, coughing and spitting.

Though a worldwide scourge, large-scale meningitis epidemics normally occur in the dry Sahel band of Africa, just below the Sahara. In the 1970s, tens of thousands of people died in northern Nigeria, while last year Upper Volta and parts of Mali were hit. To have entered the greener pastures of West Africa means that the disease is likely to attack anywhere on the continent.

Dr. Greenwood estimates that since meningitis was first recorded in Africa, about a million people have died from it.

In remote areas of countries like Mali, the cause of death is often difficult to establish.

Though the cerebro-spinal meningitis vaccine was developed 10 years ago, there is no antidote to the European variety of the disease, caused by another group of organisms. In recent years, there have been outbreaks in Norway, Finland and Spain.

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Dear Mrs. T.: (I'll talk to your husband directly, Mrs. T.): You should realize that extreme heat is as much of a strain on the circulation as extreme cold. Your wife doesn't have to exert herself in extreme heat, like shoveling snow in extreme cold to invite extinction. If your wife's heart is quite weak, one hot day it's possible she can topple over even while resting in a chair. She is not exaggerating when she says you may be killing her by depriving her of oxygen and easily obtained comfort. And how about her asthma? An air conditioner will filter out many of the allergens and lessen attacks. In spite of your refusal to help her, your wife calls you a "kind" man. Ask yourself, Mr. T., what kind? I suggest you invest in an air

conditioner to save your wife and your conscience.

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Dear Dr. Steincrohn: You're the last one I'd like to ask this question: Isn't exercise beneficial at any age? You're sure to answer it isn't. But I'll ask it anyhow. Is it? — Mr. X.

Dear Mr. X.: You put me in an awkward spot. I'm a devil even before I reply. But I'll surprise you. I don't hate all exercise. I favor it at all ages in moderation. If you think that jogging for miles every day is the only way to keep fit, I'll disagree with you. But if you can keep fit by walking or swimming — whatever your age — I'll commend you. I'll even forgive you for sitting in a rocking chair for fitness if you'll agree not to smoke, not to overeat, not to overdrink and not to live in abnormal tension day after day.

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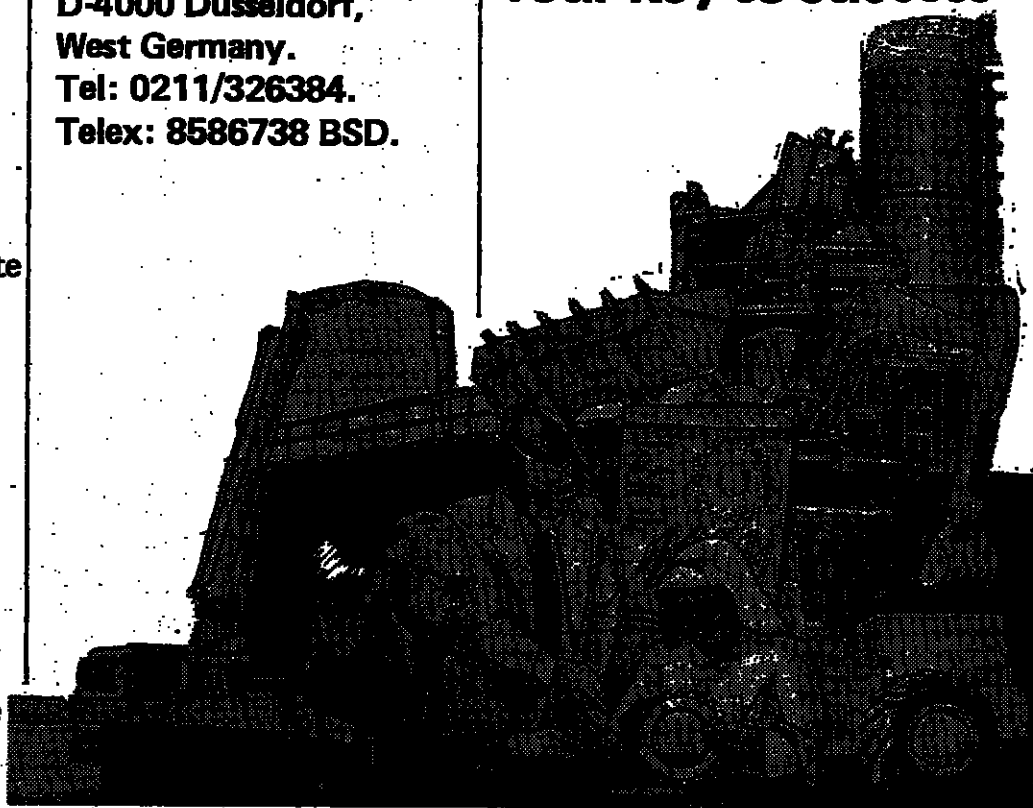
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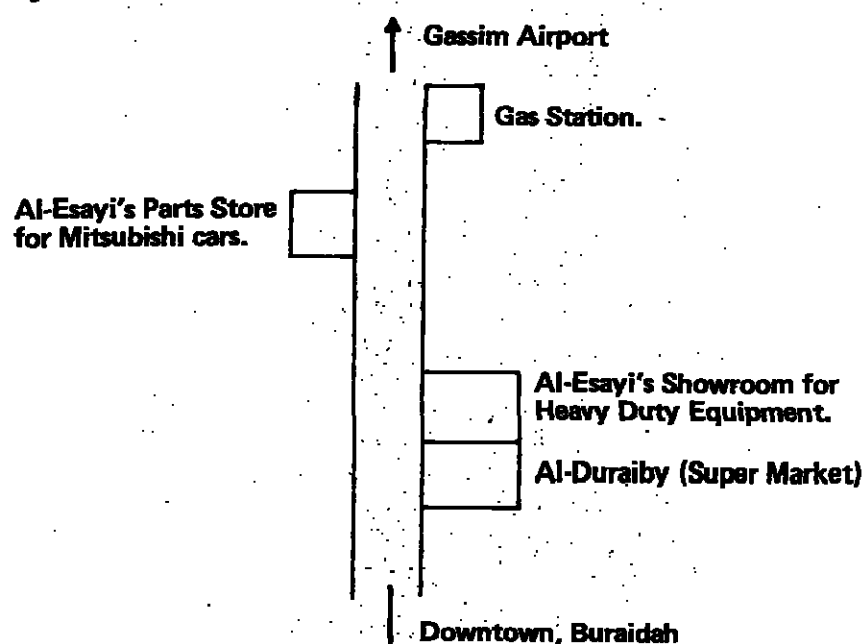
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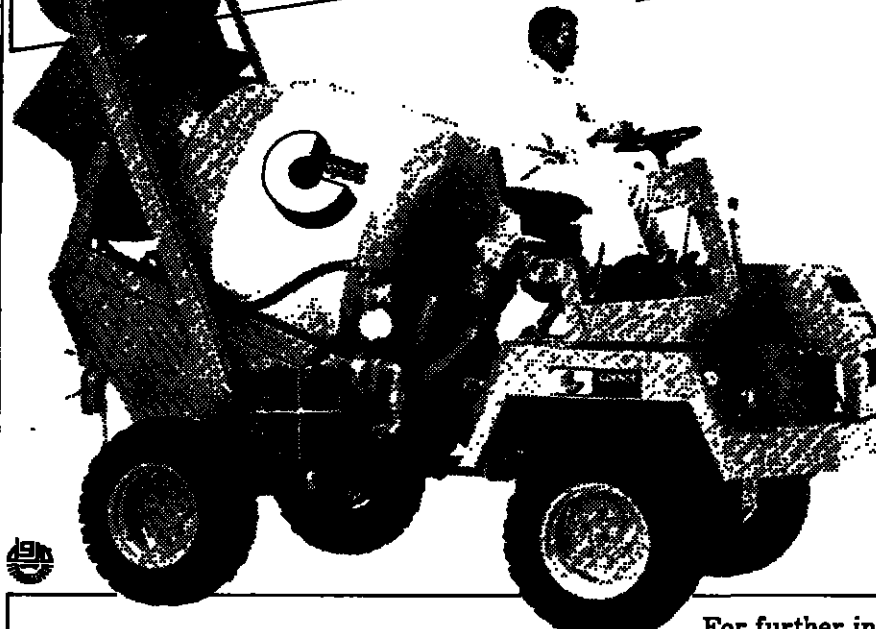
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U.S. administration aiding, abetting Israeli banditry

By Robert Little
Special to Arab News

LONDON — There can be no doubt that one of the main issues raised last week in London with the British government by King Hussein of Jordan and members of the long-delayed Arab League mission has been the tragic, almost criminal, failure of the U.S. administration — and, for that matter, every other Western government — to bring any kind of real, serious pressure to bear on the Israelis to evacuate their forces from Lebanon and remove their illegal settlements from the occupied Palestinian territories.

So much so is this the case that, in spite of President Reagan's public denunciation of Israeli prevarication in negotiations with his successive roving ambassadors in the region, the same tactics are now used in Washington against him. And from all outward appearances, he shows just as much reluctance to do anything about it.

Nine months after their unprovoked invasion, the Israeli government is now talking of occupation of southern Lebanon for two or three years, when it is well known that unless there is massive international pressure to do otherwise, they intend to remain there permanently. Furthermore, so arrogantly confident has the Israeli government become in its ability to ignore the blandishments and token wrist slaps of the Reagan administration that it now refuses even to discuss with anyone — including the agencies of the United Nations — its continued settlement of the West Bank in breach of the United Nations Charter.

This total inability — or at best lack of urgency — on the part of Washington to bring Menachem Begin and his colleagues to the point of seeing reason was again further amplified following last week's meeting at the White House between the Israeli foreign

minister, Yitzhak Shamir, and President Reagan. By all accounts the Israeli minister talked, and President Reagan and his secretary of state, George Shultz, dutifully listened.

In an exclusive interview for *Asbury AI-Awsat* last week Roy Jenkins, the British Social Democratic Party leader who could well become the country's prime minister after the next general election, appeared to place great confidence in the United States' ability to bring the Israelis to the negotiating table. "The United States...has a particularly close relationship with Israel for historical and cultural reasons, and of this moment the influence of the White House is of crucial importance," he said.

Unfortunately, though no one doubts the importance of the United States government's potential influence with the Israelis, the point Jenkins overlooks is that they are not using it. To have influence and do nothing with it means that you are no more effective than those who have no influence at all.

The great tragedy is that while President Reagan and Secretary of State Shultz are sitting endlessly listening in the White House, schools and universities on the West Bank are being closed; Arab children are beaten up and shot for throwing a few stones at armored vehicles, and scores of Palestinian homes, fruit gardens and olive groves are bulldozed to make way for new Israeli settlements.

Yet despite all this there is a perverse move afoot in Washington to try to shift the onus of responsibility for the present stalemate over any new peace moves from the Israeli government to the Arab side. For instance, in contrast to his passive role last week toward Yitzhak Shamir during his Washington visit, Shultz instead called on King Hussein to show some dynamism. The Jordanian monarch is urged to make up his mind about the Reagan plan and join the talks. "There has been a great deal of discussion," Shultz said. "I don't know that there

are more facts to be found."

But what talks is King Hussein being urged to join? There aren't any talks. The king signaled his qualified approval of the Reagan plan the day after it was delivered. But the same Shamir in Washington last week as guest of Shultz has already made clear that Israeli sovereignty over the West Bank is "non-negotiable." So who is the Jordanian king supposed to talk to?

Then as if to out-reach his secretary of state's remarks, President Reagan himself went on record, in an interview last week with the Washington correspondent of a British Sunday newspaper, with what has to be his biggest goof-off so far this year.

Henry Brandon of the London *Sunday Times* asked Reagan: Many Middle East experts believe that unless you put pressure on Israel, they will not agree to a moratorium on the building of settlements in the West Bank. Is this true?

Without so much as batting a metaphorical eyelash, the dynamic champion of freedom replied: "There is certainly no illegality to the West Bank settlement, based on the Camp David agreement."

"This, of course, is where the negotiations would begin toward real peace negotiations with, presumably, King Hussein involved in those negotiations. Israel needs to have the security not to remain an armed camp at great expense to its economy (or, more to the point, the American taxpayer), and this is going to take a compromise with regard to territory, recognition of Israel's right to exist, and resolution of the Palestinian problem for you just cannot pretend it does not exist."

Pressing the U.S. leader for a more coherent answer, Brandon persisted: And you think that, in spite of what prime minister Begin has said in public, a compromise is possible without your exerting pressure?

"Yes," replied Reagan, as if reading from the

script of one of his movies. "That is the reason for the negotiations. Sometimes they have been presented as one side asking for the moon and the other side offering green cheese. And they then talk their way to a point between those two extremes and settle it."

This theory of President Reagan's will no doubt be referred to in future U.S. diplomacy as the green cheese factor of negotiation.

What all this adds up to is that the Reagan administration, is looking no further than the next presidential election, and to the issue of greatest domestic concern, recovery, no matter what the consequences for peace in the Middle East.

A confrontation with the Israeli government was implicit in the Reagan plan when it was first put forward and he, presumably, must have known it. Now the crunch has come, the tactic is to pass the buck over onto King Hussein and, indirectly, the rest of the Arab world.

Obviously, President Reagan is aware that the Israelis are prepared to run serious risks in what they consider to be the interests of their state. But it is for Washington, by judicious use of its military and economic aid, to ensure that they see reason and that it is not just their own state they are risking, but the dangers of an international holocaust.

In his memoirs soon to be published, Zbigniew Brzezinski, former security adviser to President Carter at the time of Camp David, has retold some of the more pitiful comments made by Jimmy Carter at the time: About Menachem Begin, he is claimed to have said in an angry aside "that man's a psycho." And of the Israelis in general "...a gang of international bandits."

It is high time now that the U.S. administration and every other Western government gave up aiding and abetting Begin and his tribe of "international bandits."

ERITREAN STRUGGLE

Ethiopia is not going to win the war in Eritrea. It hasn't done so in the last 20 years and is not going to do so in the next 40.

More poor Eritreans will die, others will be maimed for life, and many more will carry their miserable belongings and trudge toward Sudan to aggravate an already serious refugee problem in that country.

Eritrea, it may be recalled, was an Italian colony for many years before it was liberated by the British army during World War II. The British did not want to retain it as they were beginning to tire of their old empire and hurriedly dispossessed themselves of their colonies. It became a U.N. mandated territory, like Palestine, and was given the right of self-determination.

Unfortunately, for the Eritreans and the Ethiopians too, the former Emperor Haile Selassie annexed it outright and denied its people any say in their future. His action triggered the longest war of liberation in Africa. He lost thousands of lives, decimated the nation's economy and devastated Eritrea causing, in the process, one of the biggest refugee problems in the continent. For what?

But who could have argued with the old tyrant then who, for reasons of personal prestige, added Eritrea to his so-called empire and then shamelessly offered his services as the father figure of Africa, to resolve problems and mediate between adversaries, while the Eritreans died under his yoke.

The latest offensive, Red Star, has fizzled out and more Ethiopians and Eritreans have been killed. More refugees streamed into Sudan and there is no end in sight.

As the Eritreans also cannot win a decisive battle to ensure their independence, they should consider a peaceful solution through the good offices of Sudan if Ethiopia will show interest in such a settlement. Since Addis Ababa houses the headquarters of the Organization of African Unity which holds that self-determination is sacrosanct, the regime ought to set a good example and start the ball rolling on the road to peace because it is not going to win the war.

Saudi Arabian press review

Most newspapers Monday condemned what they called Israel's criminal and atrocious practices against the Arab people in occupied Arab lands, and accused the Zionist state of seeking to displace the Palestinian people.

Al-Madina said the practices were the outcome of the Zionists' "destructive lunacy" which had its impact both on Israel's leaders and people. "After the PLO's worldwide recognition as the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, Israel's failure to disintegrate the organization and the emergence of a pan-Arab peace plan for the Middle East, Israel found itself in a state of isolation and political siege. As such, it has restored to crazy and mean tactics to physically liquidate the Palestinian people," the paper added.

Al-Yom accused Israel of playing a dirty game to liquidate the Palestinian people in occupied territory. The paper appealed to the Arab nation to deter the Israeli "criminal behavior" and expressed the hope that it would recover Arab rights and dignity. It

Nicaragua regime fighting tough battle for survival

By Paul Eilman and Robert Cheskyre

WASHINGTON — Nicaragua's left-wing Sandinista regime is confronted with the most serious challenge yet to its survival, with large forces of right-wing guerrillas now operating in the dense forests which cover the mountainous border with Honduras.

In attacks which the Sandinistas claim to have repulsed, groups of guerrillas, some 500-strong, struck deep inside the country this week, with the fiercest clashes in the Matagalpa region, only 70 miles north of the capital, Managua. Although details of the fighting remain obscure, it is clear casualties have been the highest since armed rebels began cross-border incursions two years ago. Washington has been coy about the fighting. The American U.N. ambassador, Jean Kirkpatrick, told the Security Council that accusations of U.S. involvement were a "myth", but the CIA is known to run covert operations in Honduras. Although the CIA's primary purpose is to frustrate the flow of weapons into El Salvador, its activities have the added benefit, from the U.S. perspective, of helping to destabilize the Sandinistas.

Without ammunition supplies from Nicaragua, guerrilla activity in El Salvador would diminish substantially, relieving the Reagan administration of one of its biggest headaches — how to get funds through Congress to keep the Salvadoran army at sufficient strength to allow election later this year and some respite for the shattered economy. Washington's stake, therefore, in what is happening in the hills of northern Nicaragua is considerable. President Reagan has used a \$19 million fund to

finance the covert operations against the Sandinistas, and the insurgents also enjoy access to the Honduran army and to Argentine advisers, who continue to operate despite vastly improved relations between Buenos Aires and Managua brought about by the Falklands War. The U.S. diplomatic campaign against the Sandinistas has been stepped up in tune with the increased armed effort against them. Although Washington's chief cause for complaint against the Sandinistas stems from their aid to Salvadoran guerrillas, the Reagan regime's hostility to a Marxist regime on the American mainland is such that it has long been a matter of policy never to allow it to take root.

The Sandinistas have played into Reagan's hands by failing to hold elections as promised (these are now set for 1985) and by the steady erosion of civil liberties. This week, the Sandinistas were forced to concede that, despite the buildup of their forces with Soviet bloc help, and the imposition of a state of siege in five border provinces late last year, they have been unable to prevent their enemies stepping up the pressure.

Even more ominous, from the Sandinistas' point of view, was the admission at the U.N. that the rebels have established a permanent presence inside the country. The Sandinista forces, despite Soviet bloc help, now appear as incapable of dealing with insurgency from the right as the Salvadoran army, with U.S. help, has been in countering guerrillas from the left.

The latest attacks were the work of the Nicaraguan Democratic Front (FDN), the anti-Sandinista coalition generally considered to enjoy

the least popular support of all the groups opposed to the regime in Managua but the one that has allegedly benefited most from U.S. support.

The FDN is vilified by the Sandinistas because of the ties many of its leaders had with the late Anastasio Somoza Debayle, who was overthrown nearly four years ago, and because many of its soldiers are former members of Somoza's ruthless National Guard. The FDN is held in deep contempt by the other principal element in the anti-Sandinista opposition, the Democratic Revolutionary Front (ARDE), which is based in Nicaragua's southern neighbor, Costa Rica.

Arde is considered the one opposition force with a genuine mass following inside Nicaragua, largely due to the presence in its leadership of Eden Pastora, a flamboyant figure, who, as Comandante Cero (Commander Zero), was the military architect of the Sandinista victory in 1979.

Pastora broke with the Sandinistas last year, accusing them of creating a one-party Marxist-Leninist state. He is now also bitterly disillusioned with the United States for its support of the FDN. However, the growing FDN successes are likely to intensify pressure on Pastora to make good the threats he was issuing late last year that he would launch his own armed offensive by mid-1983. Although his entry could mark the end for the Sandinistas — providing he could create a popular uprising and that the Managua regime did not call on outside help — it would not be entirely welcome in Washington, where he is viewed with suspicion because of the radical stance he has taken in the past. "We can't forget that he once hero-

worshipped Castro," a U.S. diplomat said recently.

Despite a week of high-level political arm-twisting on Capitol Hill, the Reagan administration is heading for at least partial defeat in its efforts to get further substantial sums for the Salvadoran army. A Senate panel has approved the "real location" of \$60 million, but only after imposing three potentially onerous conditions on the administration: that U.S. "trainers" be limited to their present ceiling of 55; that the Salvadorans are encouraged toward judicial reforms; and that an effort is made to bring about "unconditional discussions" with the guerrillas.

The relevant house panel deferred its vote. It is expected to approve less than half the \$60 million, and to add further conditions. The administration will soon be seeking a further \$50 million, and this also will have to run the gauntlet of an increasingly hostile Congress.

The opposition is concentrated on three main points: a billion dollars of aid to date has achieved virtually nothing (so why throw good money after bad?); the regime's human rights record is so appalling that it does not deserve support; and no elections staged under the auspices of President Magana's government can reconcile the country's deep and bitter divisions. (LOS)

Wit, hard work make Madrid mayor a hit

By Brian Mooney

MADRID — More scholar than politician, Madrid's Socialist mayor has built himself what is regarded as an unusual following in this city where wit and learning can still win votes.

Enrique Tierno Galvan, 65, besides being a leading expert on the Roman historian Tacitus, is a philosopher, law professor and author of books on subjects ranging from agnosticism to sociology. Currently translating D.H. Lawrence's *Sons and Lovers* from English to Spanish for intellectual recreation, Tierno can startle his 3.5 million fellow citizens with his donnish ways.

His proclamations, posted throughout the city are written in 17th century Spanish prose. "We are losing our language. I am trying to give it back to the people," the mayor says. His attitude to language typifies the preoccupations of his four years in office, which have been dominated by an attempt to preserve historic Madrid and save the city from developers, pollution and noise.

Tierno, who was voted into office with Communist support to head the city's first leftist administration since the Keyaev Civil War, says he stopped the destruction of Madrid. He refers to the reckless expansion during the 36-year rule of Gen. Francisco Franco when Madrid grew from small town to major capital.

Under Franco, who died in 1975, Madrid became one of the most polluted cities in Europe and the skyline of its historic buildings was wiped out by a ring of ugly high-rise apartment blocks. "They were even pulling down churches," Tierno says. "We stopped all this and saved Madrid by halting overnight all development projects. I made all of enemies," he adds.

Tierno makes fewer claims, however, for the day to day running of Madrid. He stresses the importance of citizenship but argues that there are no magic cures for modern cities. "I see myself more as a manager trying to put things right than as someone with spectacular plans," he explains.

The achievements of his management include a perceptible drop in pollution, cleaner streets, more trees and green spaces, better bus and metro services, a spectacular rebirth of popular culture and greater control of traffic and parking.

The mayor also has a project to clean up Madrid's heavily polluted River Manzanares. The Manzanares, dismissed by Cervantes as an apprentice river, has been subjected to generations of Madrid's human waste. Drought sometimes reduces it to a stinking trickle. But Tierno says its waters will be clear before the end of the year, when his anti-pollution project, modeled on the clean-up of the River Thames in England, is complete.

Plans for the Manzanares, which flows south

through the western part of the city, also include raising its level to make it navigable for small pleasure craft. "One of my ambitions is to see Oxford and Cambridge staging a boat race on the Manzanares," the mayor says.

Tierno, who is expected comfortably to beat his right-wing opponents in municipal elections next May, says he looks forward to a further four years in office.

Though at one stage in his career he seemed headed for a prominent role in national politics, Tierno says he has no regrets about the turn of his political fortunes. "I would much rather be mayor of Madrid than a cabinet minister," he says. "Here I am closer to people."

An active opponent of Franco, for which he suffered the loss of his professorship at Salamanca University, 20 days in prison and self-exile, Tierno emerged at the dictator's death as leader of a major splinter Socialist Party. But in 1978, after a period of rivalry, he merged his popular Socialist Party with the Socialist Workers Party of Felipe Gonzalez, now prime minister, becoming for a while its honorary president.

He played a pivotal role in keeping the Socialist cause alive during Franco's dictatorship when all opposition was outlawed. He spent time in exile in the sixties at Princeton University in the United States. (R)

Today is Tuesday, March 29, the 88th day of 1983. There are 277 days left in the year.

Highlights in history on this date:

- 1673 — Test Act which excludes Roman Catholics from office in England, receives royal assent.
- 1792 — Sweden's King Gustavus III is assassinated.
- 1861 — Britain seizes Danish and Swedish islands in West Indies.
- 1864 — Ionian Islands are ceded by Britain to Greece.
- 1867 — Britain's North America Act establishes dominion of Canada.
- 1946 — New constitution in Gold Coast, which becomes first British African colony with majority of Africans in legislature.
- 1948 — Chiang Kai-shek is re-elected president of China and is granted dictatorial powers.
- 1951 — Communist China rejects U.S. offer for truce discussions in Korea.
- 1967 — France launches its first nuclear submarine.
- 1973 — Last American troops leave South Vietnam, ending direct military role of United States in Vietnam War.
- 1982 — Film veterans Katherine Hepburn and Henry Fonda win Academy Awards as best actor and actress for their work in *On Golden Pond*.

Thought for today

We think according to nature. We speak according to rules. We act according to custom. — Francis Bacon, English writer (1561-1626)

Under the influence of a monomaniac

President Reagan itching for laser guns

By Peter Pringle

WASHINGTON (LOS) — President Reagan has looked into the nuclear weapons future and seen *Star Wars*. American technology, he says, is now ready to turn its back on production of destructive missiles and instead build a system of defensive space weapons that can intercept and destroy incoming rockets before they can land on American soil.

"We are launching an effort which holds the purpose of changing the course of human history," he declared.

In a stirring TV speech he called on the scientific community "who gave us nuclear weapons to turn their great talents to the cause of mankind and world peace; to give us the means of rendering these nuclear weapons impotent and obsolete."

This is surely one of the most distinguished utterances of the Reagan White House. These new space weapons, as the president conceded, are decades away, and even if they can be built and made effective, scientists who work at America's nuclear weapons laboratories call them "Buck Rogers schemes" and "piss in the sky." The Defense Department has not asked for funding for the weapons.

If and when they come off the drawing board, the administration has not even considered how they might be tested within the terms of the partial test ban treaty, which forbids tests in the atmosphere, nor the anti-ballistic missile treaty, which forbids development and testing of such weapons. "At this point I cannot answer that question," said Lawrence Eagleburger, deputy secretary of state.

The fact is that Reagan's vision was tacked on, at the last moment, to a speech intended to rally Congress around the administration's defense budget. The vision served as a hook on which to hang yet another tirade about how far the Russians are ahead of the Americans in the nuclear arms race — a concept that even the most hawkish American generals concede is nonsense.

How is it that the president came to make such a speech? As it turns out, the origins of the speech are no less bizarre than the space weapons it proposed.

It started with a visit to the White House last September by Edward Teller, the nuclear physicist and so-called father of the American H-bomb. Teller, now 75, was lobbying for his latest atomic trick — a small nuclear bomb that is shot into space, exploded, and sends powerful X-ray lasers along barrels pointed at incoming missiles.

Teller claims the incoming missiles could be disarmed without detonating them. He took his project to Capitol Hill, chatted about it to the president's science adviser, George Keyworth, a former protégé of Teller's, and then wrote about it all in the November issue of *Reader's Digest*, the president's favorite magazine.

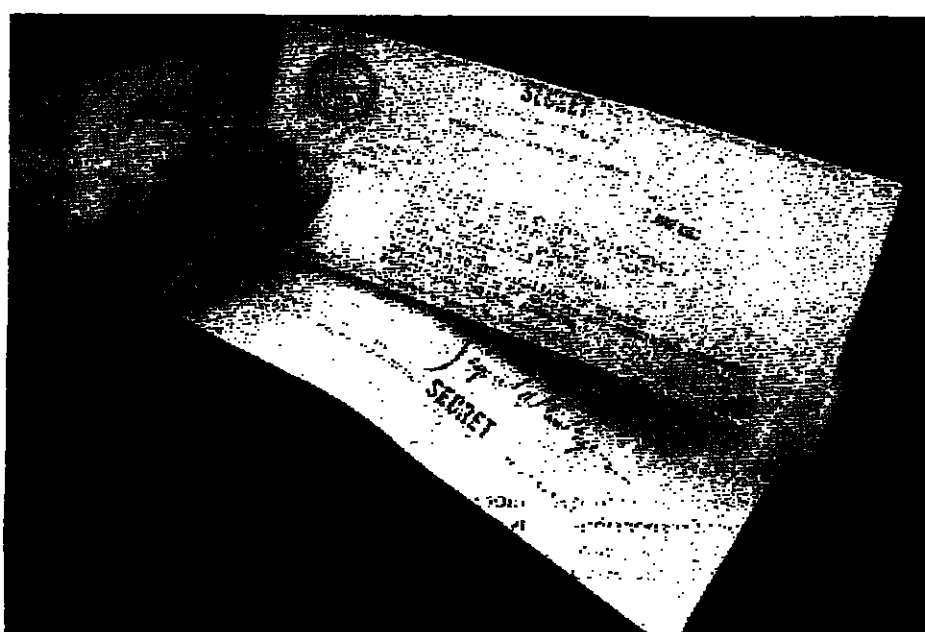
Teller's lobbying obviously paid off: after the president's speech on Wednesday, Teller was among Reagan's guests in the state dining room at the White House.

The disturbing thing is to find the president taking his nuclear elder so seriously. Throughout the atomic age Teller has been an outspoken critic of arms control agreements with the Russians. His world has been one in which nuclear weapons could be used, to a limited extent, and afterward the survivors could somehow put back the pieces.

Teller's past is dotted with nuclear enthusiasms. The first was fallout shelters. He argued that, for a modest expense, some



PROTEST: Seven persons lie on the ground blocking cars going into Vandenberg Air Force Base in California, as security officials point at them. The seven were protesting the testing of nuclear missiles on the base. Below: A secret Pentagon blueprint, made available to United Press International, urges spending nearly \$2 trillion in the next five years to bolster U.S. military might directing deployment of long-range nuclear missiles.



90 percent of Americans could be saved even after an all-out attack. Over the years, however, with technical leaps in missile accuracy, the ludicrous side of civil nuclear defense has become familiar to all.

The second enthusiasm was a "fallout-free" bomb, the device we know today as the neutron bomb. At the time Teller called it his "clean bomb." Explosion of the device could be entirely peaceful. The bomb could do things that everyone thought desirable: move mountains, dig canals, redirect rivers, build harbors.

If the heat of the explosion could somehow be trapped and gradually brought to the surface, it could be used to produce electricity. A single blast could mass produce diamonds in the right geological strata. A number of blasts could control the weather.

"In my acquaintance," the Italian physicist, Enrico Fermi, once told Teller, "you are the only monomaniac with several manias."

Yet Teller's dreams persisted and would bedevil international discussions about nuclear weapons for 20 years. The prospect of positive uses of nuclear explosions, without

serious consideration of economic costs or side effects, would be invoked against each proposal to conclude a comprehensive test ban treaty, and also against each attempt to enforce technical barriers to inhibit nuclear weapons' proliferation.

Throughout his life, Teller's great fear has been communism. He sees the Russians (as does Reagan, apparently) as totally evil, and totally cunning.

His bitterness grew as the 1958 test ban moratorium was extended year by year and with the increasing possibility of a permanent test ban; Teller, alone among the critics, was convinced that the Russians were already cheating.

He suggested a series of ways the Russians could hold tests without being detected: they could conduct them in outer space behind the sun, or they could dig huge holes in the ground — thousands of feet in diameter — and explode a bomb in the center that would be detected only as a small earthquake. His colleagues disagreed. "We are all behaving like a bunch of lunatics to take anything such as the big hole seriously," said Hans Bethe.

Teller is now promoting not just one new atomic trick but a whole new generation of them. His X-ray laser, known as Project R, is being researched at the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory in California where Teller and his proteges are asking for \$200 million a year, or 40 percent of the laboratory's present budget, to make Project R work.

Teller is growing his way around the nation warning of impending doom from the Russians and offering only one solution: keep the arms going and keep ahead.

Three intellectuals think aloud

Writer's responsibilities in an endangered world

LOS ANGELES (LAT) — On March 6, a panel discussion on "the responsibility of the writer in an endangered world" took place in New York City. Arranged in cooperation with the German book fair and the Goethe Institute, the panel included novelists Gunter Grass, John Irving and Joyce Carol Oates. The following remarks are excerpted from their conversation.

Gunter Grass. I can only say some words about myself and my German background and guilt: 50 years ago, Hitler came to power. I was 17 years old. Ever since I have had to ask myself how it could have happened, this crime... Auschwitz, this crime passed on to my children and to the children of my children.

I would like only to be an artist, but that is not enough. When I leave my study, I am confronted with reality. I have learned that I'm not only an artist, I'm also a citizen in my country, and I have to give answers and to struggle because the spirit of 1933 is still alive — not only in Germany but in the United States too. I'm afraid that this kind of spirit I know from the German past can win again.

I know very well that it is very dangerous to mix up poetry and politics. Though I am a democratic socialist, I could never write a novel about the Social Democrats because I have too many poems. But I believe the writer must be able to live in these two worlds.

John Irving: Like most writers, I try very hard not to mix up either. Your life as a novelist has to respect the lives of the people in that book, and your frustrations as a citizen, as a political member of any community, don't serve that novel well.

I feel two responsibilities as a writer. One is to keep many of my most contemporary frustrations as a citizen out of my novels, and the other is to reflect the world which is indeed endangered. When I write a novel I believe that it's necessary to have as much damage in it as I can imagine. It's necessary to spill both as much blood as I can, and to retrieve as many souls as I can.

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As any citizen of this country knows, artists and intellectuals in politics are always frus-

trated. We have a tradition — one that we didn't ask for — of seeing ourselves always as outsiders. The intellectual community is kept in the role of critics. Rarely are we given the opportunity to involve ourselves politically...

I have always felt that my personal role as a writer is not prescriptive, but simply to bear witness as truthfully and effectively as I can for people who either cannot or will not speak for themselves.

Joyce Carol Oates

Writing a book is a most private practice. Upon finishing the book, I think you feel a terrible public responsibility to be a citizen again. The gestures that are open in this country are woefully small and usually frustrating... There are 35 million people in this country who don't make enough money to feed their children properly. And, despite what the Republicans tell us of whose responsibility that is, the gestures that we have available to us as citizens seem awfully small when you leave the wonderfully contained life of making up a world, which a novel is, and then have to start thinking again about your life as a citizen in it.

Joyce Carol Oates: I think of myself as a child of the Depression. I was born at the end of the 1930s to an extremely impoverished family, and I've always felt that my personal role as a writer is not prescriptive, but simply to bear witness as truthfully and effectively as I can for people who either cannot or will not speak for themselves. I've always been concerned with political and social themes in many of my novels.

We've had a tradition of intellectuals and writers in this country who suddenly focus on an issue when it emerges out of the murk, and it's in the headlines. But in order really to effect any political change, any social change, one has to have had a certain apprenticeship in power, to have devoted many years of one's life to it, perhaps to have gone to law school.

There's a great deal that must be done that involves hard work of a very tedious kind...

So there seems to me a kind of built-in hypocrisy that intellectuals and writers second-chord every once in a while in giving opinions in an election, or reiterating ideals in which we all believe, but we don't want the responsibility of executing them, which would demand real political service and a great deal of hard work...

Irving: In the process of writing a book, I still believe what Auden said: the subject of the poem is the poem. He was speaking only of the first subject, not the secondary or the tertiary, or all of the other subjects that are a part of a poem or a novel. What we hope for, however, is that the writer has so invested a novel or a poem with moral indignation, with moral passion, that when the book is closed, you can take the same moral passion and the same moral indignation and turn it on your life as a citizen.

Two examples come to mind from Grass' own work that to me have some political meaning in the novels themselves, but the reason that we remember them has little to do with the politics. The fact that Oscar Mazerath in *The Tin Drum* chooses not to grow up is a very reliable symbol for the time in Germany that the book devotes itself to. But the reason that's a wonderful choice is that it's a very well-told story by a very good storyteller.

The other example is the tale of the fellow who finally cures himself of the clap in a rather dramatic fashion. He gives himself the moral responsibility of giving as many wives and daughters of his former SS comrades the clap as he can find. The reason that is memorable as literature is not for the symbol of the history of the politics it represents, but because it is good storytelling.

Grass: There is no more future for writers. In the past we could be confident that dictators would die and censorship would fail and that with luck literature might survive. We can't be so sure today. For the first time in human history we are able to kill every human being in this world. We know how to do it and we have the plans. Because we are able to do it, we will do it. There is no example in our history that suggests that human beings didn't do what they were able to do.

This is the reality in which we talk about our stories, our poems, and, as writers, this is our cause.

Irving: Isn't all this leading to the vanishing

of hope?

Grass: No, you go on writing, but with the knowledge that you don't have any future. You can't say my book has time, that in 50 years they will understand, and it will be resolved. We can't believe it anymore. And this is difficult. It is difficult because we know by experience that we can't change the future through Agit-Prop. Because the result would be a flat literature.

I believe that writers have to be on the side of the losers. What I miss in current American writing and what I admire very much and still admire is the literature that dates from the 20s and 30s. It was a literature involving political questions.

Gunter Grass

We have to go on with all of our aesthetic art with the knowledge that if we have a response, we can only have it today. We have to be open to be affected every day by what is happening all around us, and to put it in our work in order to transform it...

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Irving: It is interesting to see how the kind of writer that Grass is talking about is generally treated by the intellectual community. I'm speaking of Kurt Vonnegut. I think he's this country's most interesting writer. His devotion to popular political issues has drawn him nothing but scorn and contempt from our so-called literary community. He's someone who hasn't lost that connection, or at least that knowledge of activism of the '20s and '30s. That so many American writers have not taken that path suggests how deeply we are an anti-intellectual community...

Grass: I was in Nicaragua last month. Why do poor people hate the United States? That is a question. That's not only a result of propaganda. That's a reality. They see in Nicaragua that Somoza troops were — are still — trained in Miami. They were fierce in their hope for revolution. It's the first time that this poor people are doing their own job. And I think that is a question of literature here in the United States.

Kohl, Greens clash over head counting

By Kenneth Jantz

FRANKFURT, West Germany, (AP) — Thousands of West Germans are planning to boycott next month's national census, claiming the head count is an invasion of privacy.

Anti-census groups have set up boycott hot lines in major cities and erected boycott billboards across the country as part of a battle that pits the conservative government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl against the radical Greens Party.

The Government has vowed to go ahead with the 371 million-mark (\$154 million) census, the first in 13 years, while the Greens are urging West Germans not to fill out the six-page census questionnaire.

"The census is a service to the people, not an Orwellian vision," a government spokesman in Bonn told a recent news conference.

Spokesmen for the Greens warn that Government guarantees do not ensure that census information will be kept secret in the centralized government computers. In calling for a boycott, the Greens said the April 27 census would give government agencies "a super-market full of information on private citizens."

Two Hamburg lawyers have filed suit against the census before the West German constitutional court, charging that the Government has not provided enough guarantees that census information remains with the federal statistics office. The court has said it would take up the case.

Government officials say that West German law calls for a census every 10 years, and add that they cannot plan for needed social services without detailed demographic figures. Some 240 anti-census groups have sprung up across the country, many in recent weeks. Government officials say they were surprised by the widespread resistance to the counting.

Many West Germans claim that names and information gathered by census takers could be passed on to the Finance Ministry, the police and other agencies despite laws guaranteeing confidentiality of census data. "They can do whatever they want with the information," said one Frankfurt woman

who asked not to be identified. "I'm not filling out their forms."

But officials say that fewer questions are asked in this year's census questionnaire than were posed in the 1970 census, and say most West Germans opposed to the counting are "misinformed." "People here do not know the relevant laws, and have an irrational fear of big computers," Gerhard Richter, an official at the federal statistics office said in a telephone interview.

Questions raising alarm among the anti-census activists are ones probing into the details of car and home ownership and sources of income.

The government in embarking on a campaign of advertisements and television interviews to counter the nationwide boycott campaign.

Officials at the statistics office declined to guess how many people would refuse to participate in the census, but said they expected resistance to drop sharply in the next few weeks due to their pro-census campaign.

The officials also said they may prosecute West Germans who boycott the counting. Those who do not fill out census forms are liable to fines of up to 10,000 Marks (\$4,100).

But the anti-census activists have also stepped up their campaign in recent weeks. In many cities, local interest groups have set up anti-census hotlines and campaigned against the counting with letters to the editor and public meetings. In the northern port city of Hamburg, volunteers report receiving about 30 calls during the two hours their anti-census hot line is manned.

"Most callers say they have decided to join the boycott and want to know what the legal consequences are," said Klaus Becker, a Hamburg volunteer.

In West Germany, census forms are delivered door-to-door, and picked up by census workers one-to-two weeks later. Officials say some 600,000 persons have been hired as census takers.

The census was originally scheduled for 1980, but delayed when the federal government and the German states clashed over who would foot the bill.



POSTER: Holding up a poster of Greens' protesting census is Hans-Dietrich Erichsen, a member of Baden-Wuerttemberg state parliament in West Germany.

Red China rages over defection of tennis star

By Jonathan Mirsky

LONDON (LOS) — Peking's leaders are furious with the Americans for failing to ship home one of Communist China's top tennis stars who defected last year.

Deng Xiaoping himself has warned U.S. officials that allowing Miss Hu Na to remain in California may threaten further Sino-American cultural exchanges.

In July last year, Hu Na, aged 20, asked for asylum while competing in a 32-nation tournament in Santa Clara, California. After almost eight months of silence, she spoke out in San Francisco last week, claiming she defected to avoid joining the Communist Party, once the highest honor for Chinese young people.

The final straw, she said, was the party official who told her: "The Communist Party has raised you and you owe your success to the party." On another occasion her captain cautioned her that losing indicated an inadequate mastery of Marxism-Leninism.

Since Mao's death in 1976, China has sent numerous athletes abroad, no longer under the Maoist directive, "friendship first, competition second," but to win.

The U.S. State Department is unhappy about Hu Na. Already unsettled by Peking's mounting anger at Washington's determination to rearm Taiwan, maintain textile quotas and restrict technology transfers, and a bizarre federal court decision involving

ancient Chinese railway bonds, the department's China desk urged that Miss Hu be bundled back where she came from.

The Immigration Service, however, wants her to stay. One of the reasons Hu Na spoke out when she did was her despair that the White House might not take the Immigration Service's advice. Ronald Reagan is as usual caught between the demands of China policy and the unchanging anti-Peking beliefs of his own right wing.

The demands on Hu Na are therefore intense. In addition to Deng Xiaoping's complaints to American officials, the Chinese handed letters from her parents to Secretary of State George Shultz during his recent visit to Peking.

Also longing for her return is a high-ranking doubles partner: the elderly Wan Li, a Politburo member who, according to Miss Hu, showered her with ideological advice between matches.

Although hundreds of thousands of Chinese have fled across the border to Hong Kong, until recently escape to the West has been rare. China is very careful about who travels abroad and defectors are regarded as traitors. But now dancers, physicists and doctors have remained in the U.S. and they are likely to be joined by others whose expenses are being paid by rich relatives living outside China. The State Department discourages such defections, which upset Peking.

Favors market stability

Britain allays OPEC fears over price war

KUWAIT, March 28 (Agencies) — Douglas Hurd, minister of state at the Foreign Office, has said Britain had no intention of undermining OPEC and was interested in the stability of oil prices.

"We have no desire to undermine or upset the decisions taken by OPEC," he told a news conference Sunday at the end of a two-day official visit to Kuwait. "We have an interest in the stability of oil prices as we have costs of production which are much higher in the North Sea than in the Gulf countries."

Britain is not a member of (OPEC) Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Hurd was apparently responding to reports in Kuwait that the Kuwaiti oil minister, Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al-Sabah, had told him Britain should not endanger the oil market by cutting the price of its North Sea oil.

The British National Oil Corporation (BNOC) has been under pressure from customers to cut its price further in a glutted oil market, but oil sources in the Gulf fear that such a move might touch off a pricing war among the 13-member OPEC group.

OPEC, of which Kuwait is a member, agreed at crisis talks in London recently to make a 15 percent cut in its reference price to \$29 a barrel from \$34. The cut in price means OPEC states' oil earnings will fall by \$27 billion.

But Hurd said, in an interview with the Associated Press just before he left for Baghdad on the second leg of his current Arab

tour, that OPEC knew its pricing agreement had left Britain at a competitive disadvantage with OPEC member Nigeria.

OPEC's London agreement fixed Nigeria's price per barrel at \$30, 50 cents less than the price proposed earlier by North Sea producers to their main customers who are now reportedly pressing for a still lower price.

Hurd said Al Sabah did not seek any



Douglas Hurd

specific assurances about the future level of British prices "and I didn't give him any."

"It is known that the OPEC deal left us in an awkward position, said Hurd, who maintained that the Soviet Union was, meanwhile, doing its utmost to undermine the OPEC accord through new discounts offered on Soviet crude sales in Europe.

Vatican Bank 'faces action' in Calvi case

LONDON, March 28 (AP) — Eighty international banks, which lost \$300 million when the late Roberto Calvi's Banco Ambrosiano collapsed last year, are seeking legal action against the Vatican Bank, the Sunday Times of London reported.

It said the banks, armed with letters allegedly linking the Vatican Bank With Calvi's operations, want immediate legal action against the Institute for Religious Works (IOR) to recover \$125 million.

The first step toward this action has already been taken and the banks are urging the official receivers of Ambrosiano's Luxembourg holding company to begin proceedings at once," the newspaper said.

The report cited "growing evidence of a direct link between the Vatican's IOR and Ambrosiano — despite strenuous denials by Archbishop Paul Marcinkus, head of IOR, that the Vatican ever benefited from any actions of Calvi or his bank or has any liability as a result of its involvement."

This evidence includes a number of letters, written between 1978 and 1981, allegedly confirming the IOR's part in Ambrosiano operations in the Bahamas and elsewhere. When Ambrosiano collapsed, more than a billion dollars was unaccounted for, allegedly including bogus overseas loans.

The Vatican Bank has acknowledged legal ownership of some of Ambrosiano's Panamanian and Liechtenstein companies under investigation. But it has said it was the victim of a "hidden plot" by Banco Ambrosiano and that its trust was abused.

As imports plummet Soviets net \$4.6b trade gain

MOSCOW, March 28 (R) — The Soviet Union, following a drastic cut in imports, registered a trade surplus of 3.4 billion rubles (\$4.6 billion) in 1982, almost four times that of 1981, according to the latest trade figures published Sunday.

Trade with the industrialized nations, in which Moscow's ruble-calculated deficit fell sharply, included a big increase in imports from Japan. These jumped by over 30 percent to total 2.9 billion rubles (\$4 billion).

The U.S. embargo on high technology deals or those related to the Siberia-Western Europe pipeline project appeared to have had little effect, with Soviet imports from the U.S. rising 20 percent to \$2 billion while exports dropped slightly. West European, Japanese and even U.S. businessmen in Moscow make little secret that ways around the embargo are being found.

Western analysts said the rise in imports from Japan seemed to be linked to Tokyo's increased acceptance of compensation deals rather than hard cash and more credit arrangements, coupled with sales of large-diameter pipes such as those needed in the pipeline project. Moscow does not reveal separate figures for its hard currency balance, the basis for most of its trade with the West.

Less detailed trade figures published last week showed the Soviet trade deficit with the developed world fell from 865 million rubles — \$1,235 million at the 1982 exchange rate — to 100 million (\$137 million at current rates).

This is however a small element in the country's vast 119.6 billion ruble (\$163.8 billion) annual trade turnover and appeared to be accounted for by a trimming of imports from most West European countries, coupled with slightly higher exports.

The official news agency Tass Sunday attempted to explain away the potentially embarrassing surplus with the export-hungry developing world by saying it contributed to

their breaking loose from traditional colonial ties.

Sunday's figures showed a cut in imports from virtually all African and most Asian countries, with the notable exception of Libya whose sales to the Soviet Union more than tripled to reach 1.1 billion rubles (\$1.38 billion). Western analysts in Moscow believe a large part of this to be oil which the Soviet Union may be remarketing.

Sales to Iran rose by half again to 577 million rubles (\$790 million) while imports fell by two thirds, the likely reflection, Western experts said, of the increased oil purchases from Libya. For the rest of the world, the figures showed a 30 percent jump in imports from Cuba, set against a 50 percent drop in imports from Argentina and a cut in those from Brazil, both the result of less need to pay high, hard currency, prices for grain on an oversupplied world market.

Battling graft put Soviet on the streets

MOSCOW, March 28 (AFP) — A dozen Interior Ministry officials in the Black Sea port of Odessa have been punished for systematically persecuting a bright young naval cadet for denouncing corruption, the Literary Gazette reported here.

Interior Minister Vitali Fedorchuk, who is heading an anti-corruption drive in the Soviet civil service, dismissed some officials and demoted and sanctioned others, the weekly said.

The extraordinary scandal concerned naval cadet Nikolai Rozovskii, who graduated with honors at the Odessa Academy here.

During his training, he noticed that tens of thousands of rubles were disappearing every year from academy funds and he demanded an inquiry. He was sent abroad on a special mission and then, on his return, named at the

India no longer self-sufficient in food, Jha says

NEW DELHI, March 28 (AP) — India is no longer producing enough food grains to feed itself and urgent measures to increase production are required, one of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's principal economic advisers said Sunday.

Without steps to boost food production, there is a prospect of costly food imports for years to come, and "if we have to borrow to feed our people we are on the road to insolvency," L.K. Jha, chairman of the government's economic reforms commission, told a weekend economic seminar.

By increased food production, Jha said, "we must think of the entire complex of edible products, wheat, rice, pulses, vegetable oil, sugar, milk, fish and poultry." He suggested concentrating on areas of India that were still relatively untouched by the "green revolution" of increased crop yields.

head of the Odessa Academy's komсомол (youth) branch. Again he requested an inquiry into the missing rubles.

Local authorities dismissed him from his post and he was "excluded from the komсомолs" on charges of "doubtful morals," the Gazette continued.

But the komсомолs central executive in Moscow ordered cadet Rozovskii to be reinstated. However local officials then accused him of having committed a crime, and he was again dismissed.

He landed up on the Odessa quayside as a street sweeper until a long article in the Gazette on his case attracted the personal attention of the interior minister, a close confidant of Soviet leader Andrei Andropov. The truth finally emerged and the cadet, now a junior officer, was rehabilitated.

Cuba's bitter struggle to save sugar crop

HAVANA, March 28 (R) — Cuba is struggling against the wettest winter in memory to salvage its vital sugar crop.

In the past, Communist Cuba, the world's biggest sugar exporter, has not hesitated to accuse Washington of being behind apparently natural phenomena that have stricken this Caribbean island. But so far the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) has escaped the blame.

President Fidel Castro has said the CIA used germ-warfare techniques in 1971 to introduce swine fever into Cuba, decimating its important meat industry. Similar charges were made when dengue fever, a deadly flu-like ailment transmitted to people by mosquitoes, broke out three years ago.

In 1976, a Cuban delegate to the United Nations accused U.S. government scientists of "seeding" clouds to make them drop their rain in the Gulf of Mexico before reaching a then drought-hit Cuba. But to date Cuba appears to have accepted that mother nature alone is to blame for the freak weather which has paralyzed the cutting of cane and left thousands of vegetable fields awash.

In the peak harvest months for sugar cane, Cuba has suffered a near-continuous deluge which has dumped five times more rain than average for the first 10 weeks of the year, according to the national weather station. "The rain prevents the cutting machines from working, encourages absenteeism, bogs down transport to the mills and lowers the sugar content of the actual cane," one sugar official explained.

Deputy Sugar Industry Minister Raul Trujillo said this month that

the crop, which provides Cuba with around 80 percent of its export revenues, was around one million tons less than normal for this time of year.

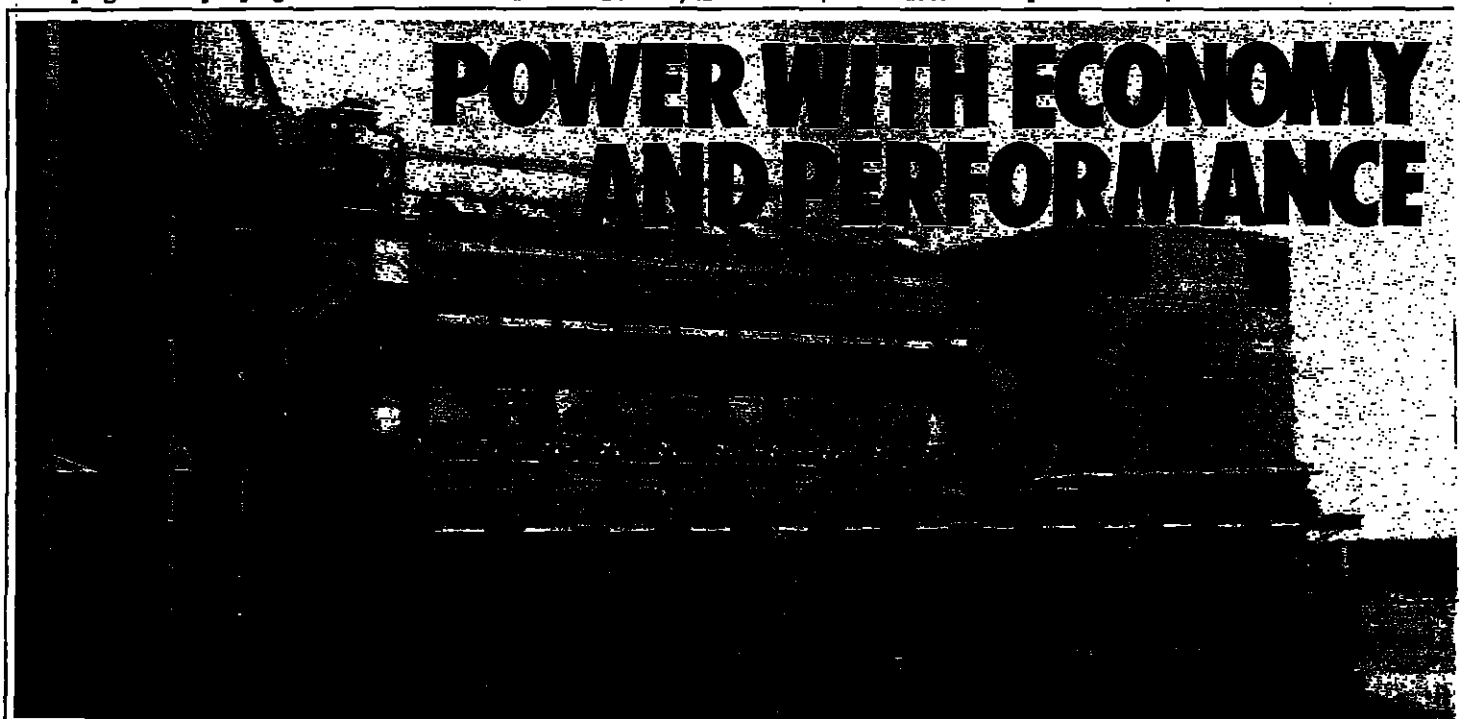
The government recently announced that the normal November-April harvest would continue until early June, though commodity analysts comment that such an extension would be affected by the onset of the summer rainy season. No government estimate of the final production total has been given but statistics from the official daily Granma and predictions by analysts point to no more than 7.5 million tons, well down on last year's 8.2 million tons.

Tomatoes, potatoes, onions and the world-renowned tobacco crop have also been hit and local shortages are expected to emerge soon. Deputy Agriculture Minister Adolfo Diaz said on television early this month that only 50,000 of the expected 140,000 tons of tomatoes were available for canning.

He said at the time that losses totaled around \$60 million, an underestimation according to diplomats here who also point to storms last week that killed three persons, flooded large areas of Havana and forced 4,500 people from their homes.

"I have never seen weather like this at this time of the year," said one 67-year-old Havana resident whose views are echoed among a populace more used to sheltering from the sun than the driving rain. Ironically, the expected fall in sugar production may not be as serious to the Cuban economy as the losses in other crops.

News of the bad weather here increased prices slightly in the depressed world sugar markets last week.



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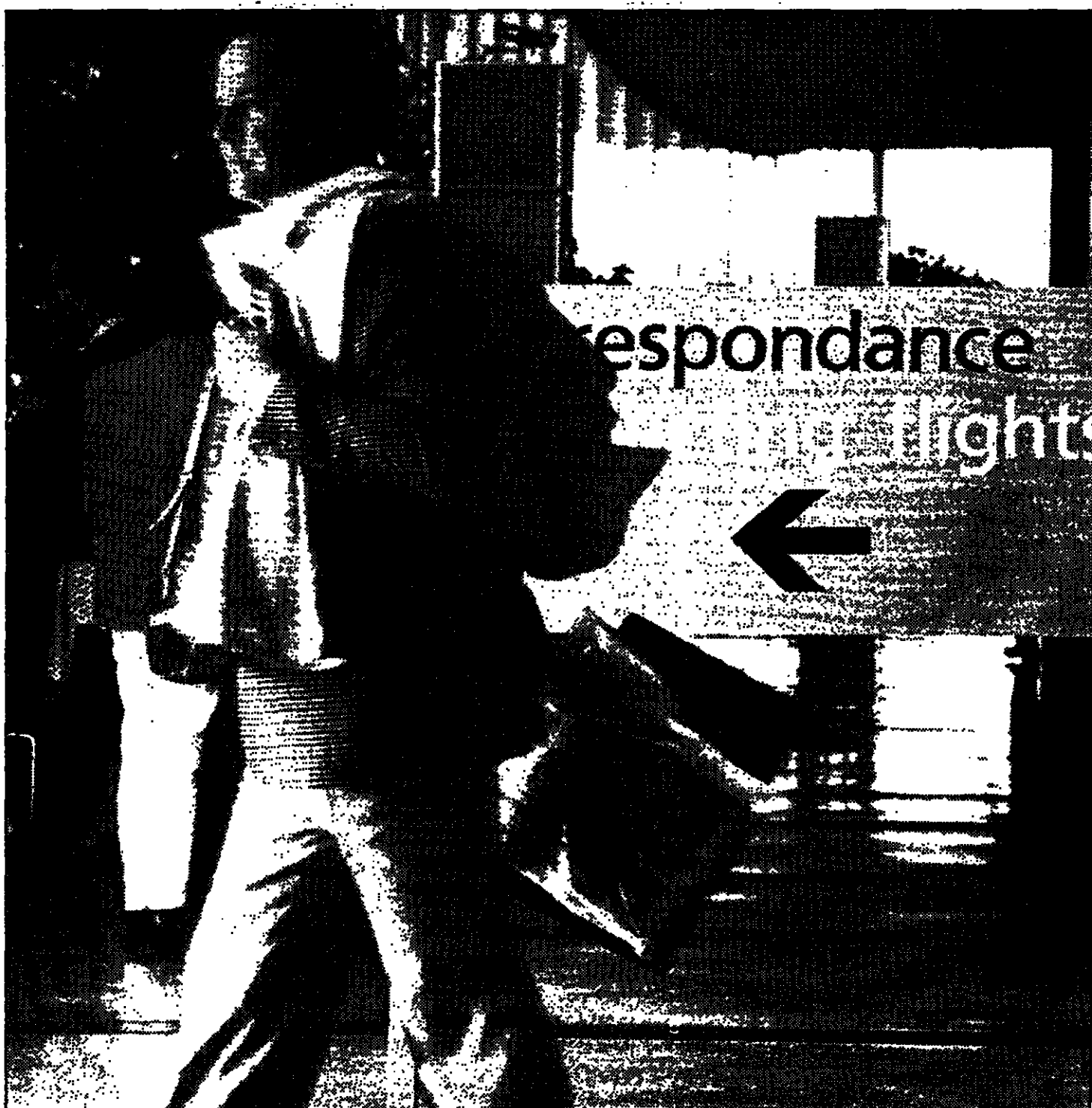
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On subsidized farm sales

EEC to compete with America

CAIRO, March 28 (Agencies) — As U.S. Agriculture Secretary John Block announced here after meeting President Hosni Mubarak that the U.S. was allowing Egypt \$50 million in new agricultural credits, an official of the European Economic Community said the EEC will try to compete against any further sales of subsidized American farm products like the flour Washington sold to Egypt.

Louis Eyraud of France, a member of the European Parliament's agricultural committee, told Reuters in an interview "the community will be in a position to offer the same conditions as those offered by the United States to Egypt." Eyraud is in Egypt as a member of a European parliament delegation which arrived Friday for talks with Egyptian leaders. The delegation is headed by Luc Beyer de Ryke of Belgium and has members from Italy, Luxembourg, Greece, West Germany and Britain. "If the U.S. can dump the community can dump too," Eyraud said.

The European delegation's trip coincided with the visit by John Block, which was partly aimed at finalizing a controversial sale of one million tons of American flour to Egypt at \$25 to \$30 a ton below world market prices.

Eyraud said another proposed sale of 25,000 tons of U.S. subsidized dairy products to Egypt would jeopardize current trade talks between the community and Washington. He said that if the deal was concluded, it would

mainly be at the expense of Denmark and the Netherlands, Egypt's traditional European dairy suppliers.

He added that he had recently tabled a resolution in the European Parliament asking the European Commission to put pressure on the U.S. to stop the sale. Block said Sunday Washington was temporarily holding off on further subsidized farm export deals but was determined to persist in competing with subsidized European farm exports. Asked to comment, Eyraud said: "It is a sign of good

Jamaica gets \$25m loan

KINGSTON, March 28 (AP) — The U.S. Agency for International Development has granted Jamaica a second \$25 million loan to finance imports of raw materials, capital goods and spare parts.

The loan agreement was signed by Prime Minister Edward Seaga and U.S. Ambassador William Hewitt, who said the funds would buy time for Jamaican until international economic conditions improve.

The first \$25 million loan was granted in December.

Tokyo round table talks start

TOKYO, March 28 (AP) — Leading political and business figures from Europe, Japan, Singapore, the United States and Mexico began two days of talks on world economic problems and foreign policy issues here Monday.

The two-day meeting of the 10 political and business leaders is the fifth of the Tokyo

Lloyds insurers close business

LONDON, March 28 (AP) — The collapse of an underwriting syndicate of Lloyds caused new trouble Monday for the famous 300-year-old insurance consortium, plagued by a series of financial scandals.

A Lloyd's spokesman confirmed newspaper reports that the syndicate closed after its top man, Bryan Spencer, wrote out more insurance than his reserves allowed.

Strike cripples Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, March 28 (R) — A one-day strike by Argentina's trade unions brought the country almost to a standstill Monday despite a declaration by the military government that the stoppage was illegal.

Public transport was paralyzed, nearly all shops were closed and only a trickle of people turned up for work at factories, banks and government offices. The 24-hour stoppage was called by both the moderate and hard-line wings of the General Confederation of

will, but one must recognize that American agriculture is as much subsidized as the community's farm exports."

He said the U.S.-Egyptian deal had directly hit France, which provided 90 percent of the community's total flour exports to Egypt until the deal was announced in January. "But with the help of the community, France can manage to market the flour sales it lost to Washington as wheat over the next year or two," he added.

Block, who met reporters after a one-hour meeting with Mubarak and Minister of Agriculture Yousef Wali, said the new farm credits were \$20 million for sales of U.S. corn and \$30 million for American tobacco. A U.S. Embassy spokesman confirmed the \$50 million was over and above the \$250 million annual food for peace aid from Washington to Cairo.

Block was asked if Washington was delaying the signing of further contracts as a sign of good will to the EEC, which has been angered by America's undercutting EEC prices. "Perhaps the possible dairy sale," said Block of a reported offer to sell U.S. butter to Egypt. "An offer has been made. We're still talking about it. We aren't delaying anything. If the terms are met, that's the only question."

round table talks begun in 1978.

Kissinger, now a private consultant, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew, and Robert Anderson, chairman of the Atlantic Richfield Company, have attended all five of the round table talks held since 1978. Kiichi Miyazawa, a Japanese Diet (parliament) member and former foreign minister, organized the current session, which was being held at a Tokyo hotel.

The participants included Helmut Schmidt, former chancellor of West Germany, Raymond Barre, former prime minister of France, Lord Carrington, former British foreign minister, Ernesto Fernandez-Hurtado, former president of the Central Bank of Mexico, Philip Hawley, president of Carter, Hawley, Hale Store, Inc. and a director of various U.S. corporations and Joseph Slater, president of the Aspen, Colorado, Institute for Humanistic Studies.

Labor (CGT) to demand better pay and to protest at the economic policies of President Reynaldo Bignone's government.

The government had tried to avert the strike by announcing a 12 percent wage rise last Friday, and Sunday it declared the stoppage illegal. But Labor Minister Hector Victor, Villaverde said Monday the government had no intention of arresting union leaders or implementing current laws banning strikes entirely.

U.K. economy improving, survey shows

LONDON, March 28 (AP) — There are "clear signs of improvement" in the British economy, the employers' organizations, the Confederation of British Industry, reported Monday.

In its monthly industrial trends survey, the CBI reported that 29 percent of the 1,778 manufacturing companies expect output to increase in the next four months. Only 13 percent anticipate lower production, while the remainder forecast no change.

It was the most optimistic response since June 1979, the CBI said, with a "noticeable" improvement in order books.

"Orders are now reported to be rising in most sectors, including some evidence of higher demand for the depressed heavy industrial goods sector. Generally, however, those industries able to benefit from higher retail spending have experienced the greatest increases in demand."

The CBI predicted an overall economic growth of 2 percent this year and 2½ percent in 1984 still below 1979 levels.

Tin producers begin parley

LONDON, March 28 (AFP) — The world's leading tin producers began a two-day meeting in London Monday in yet another attempt to set up an association of tin producers. The conference is chaired by Nigerian Mining Minister Hassan Muhammad.

The year-long discussions to establish such an association have been dogged by a running argument between Malaysia, the world's biggest producer, and Indonesia. The Indonesians object to such a grouping being dominated by Malaysia, as it would be, Indonesian sources pointed out, if the voting is based on production levels rather than a one-country/one-vote basis. Indonesia is also in favor of allowing the council to be the sole arbiter of market control.

U.S. Steel plans deal with British firm

NEW YORK, March 28 (AFP) — U.S. Steel, the largest American steel producer, is negotiating with British Steel on "a long-term, uninterrupted" contract to purchase semirough steel, *Iron Age* magazine reported in its latest edition.

"With demand for steel still down, the advantages of a close connection of melting and refining are sometimes outweighed by the advantages of consolidating basic production in the most efficient furnaces," *Iron Age* said. Another American steel producer, Armco, previously negotiated an agreement with British steel.

Financial Roundup

Dollar scales new heights

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, March 28 — The dollar stormed onto new heights in the European exchange markets Monday, putting the British pound and the continental currencies under pressure. Even the relatively strong Japanese yen was affected in the dollar buying spree. Most dealers were taken by surprise and scrambled to cover some short positions, since they had expected the American currency to remain relatively mixed after the New York Friday night closing.

European dealers were seemingly convinced that U.S. dollar interest rates were on the way up and the money markets were boosted by Dr. Kaufmann's remarks that Federal Reserve "Fed Fund" prime lending rates were on the way up. In Europe, the one-month Eurodollar deposit rate traded around the 9½ - 9¾ percent level but medium to longer dated funds were up sharply by ½ percent to take the one-year rate to 10 1/16-10¾ percent levels. It is expected that "Fed Fund" rates will remain at their present 8½ - 9 percent ranges when the New York markets reopen on Monday night.

Most attention was on the exchange markets however, especially on the British pound and the apparent reluctance of the British authorities to effectively intervene or signal to the markets that it wanted to see a slowdown in the pound's fall. Sterling traded at the 1.4580 levels but fell to 1.4510 at one stage — the lowest since 1976. Wild rumors and speculation that the pound will fall to 1.4000 levels before long helped to keep the British currency under pressure.

The Bank of England denied that it was planning a hike in U.K. interest rates to help out the currency. But it was not only sterling that fell back, for the Japanese yen traded at 239.80 levels from 237.80 weekend closing prices, the fall being aided by Japanese intentions to allow a liberalization in trade with that country as well as some rumors

that the Japanese discount rate might be cut back.

The French franc fell back sharply to 7.3100 levels from 7.2600/7.2800 over the weekend and the markets noted that there was little confidence yet in the economic program recently unveiled by President Mitterrand. The German mark fell to 2.4320 — the sharpest drop in the past few weeks, despite predictions that the German Gross National Product was likely to grow at 1 percent in 1983 compared with a 1.2 percent fall in 1982. The Swiss franc fell back in sympathy to 2.0890 levels from 2.0760 on Friday.

With the American currency having such a lead on the exchanges, the bullion markets were extremely nervous and erratic on Monday. Gold prices dipped to \$408 an ounce — a \$7 drop over Friday prices and dealers were wondering whether the \$400 level could be defended. Silver prices fell back to \$10.32 — down by 25 cents over Friday levels.

On the domestic markets, rial deposit rates opened quietly but some sharp activity pushed the rates up to 9½ - 9¾ percent for longer dated deposits, and 8½-8¾ percent for the shorter tenors. The week fixed deposit came under some demand at the 8½ percent ranges and dealers noted a flurry of interbank dealings from the OBU's — offshore banking units in Bahrain, as they covered short rial positions. On the exchanges, spot rial/dollar rates opened at 3.4400-05 but soon rose to 3.4408-12 by close of business. The dollar has certainly opened strong but erratic behavior will be the keynote of the markets this week.

LONDON: The following are the closing gold prices in U.S. dollars per troy ounce:

London	409.50
Paris	411.49
Frankfurt	413.00
Zurich	408.75
Hong Kong	431.21

French exchange curbs will end by '84, minister says

PARIS, March 28 (AFP) — France's draconian new restrictions on foreign exchange will end by 1984, the government announced Sunday as protests against the measures increased.

"I think that only this year's vacations are involved, it's obvious," Foreign Trade and Tourism Minister Edith Cresson told journalists. She refuted allegations that the restrictions were an "assault on personal freedom."

The new measures — which went into effect Monday — allow French tourists to take only 2,000 francs in foreign currency and 1,000 francs in French currency out of

the country each year. People on business trips are allowed 1,000 francs a day. The use of credit cards abroad is banned.

Beginning May 2, each traveler who changes money will have to present a booklet in which the exchange operations are recorded. The measures will apply to trips to all foreign countries except those in the franc zone: Benin, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, the Comoros, Congo, Gabon, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Togo and Upper Volta.

There was mounting nationwide anger over the new restrictions.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 p.m. Monday

Currency	Rate	Currency	Rate
Bahraini Dinar	9.25	Yemeni Rial	9.15
Bangladesh Taka	14.21		
Belgian Franc (1,000)	74.00		
Canadian Dollar	2.82		
Deutsche Mark (100)	142.50		
Dutch Guilder (100)	127.50		
Egyptian Pound	3.05		
Emirate Dirham (100)	93.25		
French Franc (100)	48.00		
Greek Drachma (1,000)	39.00		
Indian Rupee (100)			
Iranian Rial (100)			
Italian Lira (1,000)	24.10		
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.30		
Jordanian Dinar	9.56		
Kuwaiti Dinar	11.83		
Lebanese Lira (100)	83.25		
Moroccan Dirham (100)	52.60		
Pakistani Rupee (100)	28.10		
Philippine Peso (100)	36.10		
Pound Sterling	5.05		
Qatari Rial (100)	94.25		
Singapore Dollar (100)	164.19		
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	25.26		
Swiss Franc (100)	166.25		
Syrian Lira (100)	58.80		
Turkish Lira (1,000)	3.45		
U.S. Dollar	75.10		

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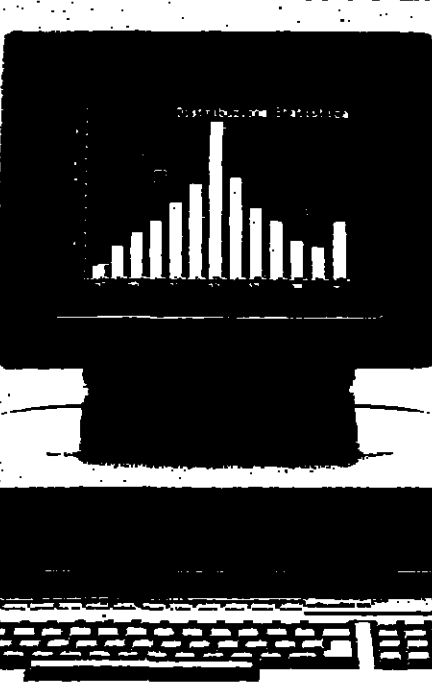
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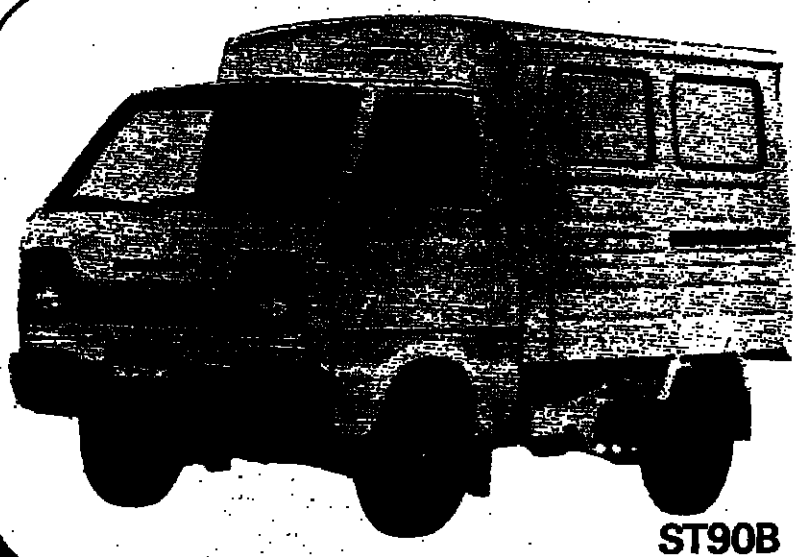
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As McLarens dominate Long Beach Grand Prix

Magnificent Watson weaves way to top

LONG BEACH, California March 28 (AP) — Opportunistic John Watson of Northern Ireland wheeled a McLaren from near the back of the field Sunday to an impressive victory in the Toyota Grand Prix of Long Beach.

Watson, a 36-year-old veteran noted for his charges from back in the pack, picked up the fifth victory of his Formula One career, beating McLaren teammate Niki Lauda of Austria to the finish line by a solid 27.993 seconds.

Lauda, the defending champion here and a two-time world champion, started right behind Watson in the 24th spot on the 26-car grid. He stayed right with Watson as the eventual winner wove through traffic on the tight course through the streets of downtown Long Beach.

A distant third was Rene Arnoux of France in a turbocharged Ferrari. He was followed by Jacques Laffite of France in a Sauber-Mercedes. Arnoux was followed by a Swiss, Marc Surer of Switzerland in an Arrows, and in sixth, rookie Johnny Cecotto of Venezuela in a Theodore.

Watson averaged 80.625 mph (129.75 kph) in the 158-mile (254-km) race. "It's not anything I plan in advance," Watson explained, referring to his patented broken-field runs through the field. "It just seems to happen."

"Personally, I'd rather start at the front. Then I don't have to pass everybody except in lapping."

"I'm really surprised (to win here)," he added. "I expected other cars on other tires."

Against stubborn Bulldogs

Tar Heels take to heels

NEW YORK, March 28 (AP) — Georgia upset eighth-ranked North Carolina and top-ranked Houston pummeled Villanova Sunday to join Louisville and North Carolina State in the final four of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's (NCAA) Championship Tournament.

The Houston Cougars, 30-2, who are riding a 25-game winning streak, beat Big East tri-champion Villanova 89-71 to win the Midwest Region. Georgia, No. 18, surprised North Carolina, the 1982 national champion, 82-77, to win the East Region.

Houston is now set to meet No. 2 Louisville and No. 16 North Carolina State will play Georgia in Saturday's semifinals at Albuquerque, New Mexico. The winners will play a week from Monday for college basketball's top prize.

Two of the four teams — Houston and Louisville — are making their second straight trips to the final four. Georgia has never been in the NCAA Tournament before, and North Carolina State's last final four trip was in 1974, when the Wolfpack won it all. "We wanted to go to Albuquerque awfully bad," Houston coach Guy V. Lewis said after the game.

The other two regional championships were Saturday. N.C. State upsetting Ralph Sampson and No. 4 Virginia 63-62 to win the West Region, and Louisville beating No. 12 Kentucky 80-68 in overtime in the first meeting of the two schools since 1959.

Akeem Abdul Olajuwon, a 7-foot sophomore center from Lagos, Nigeria, led Houston's backcourt domination of Villanova with 20 points and 13 rebounds. The big center, who led the nation with 143 blocked shots this season, had eight more rejections Sunday. Larry Micheaux, Houston forward, scored a game-high 30 points. John Pinone and Ed Pinckney had 18 apiece for Villanova.

Olajuwon scored 21 points in Houston's regional semifinal victory over Memphis State.

Georgia, smaller and less renowned than North Carolina, used aggressiveness, speed

Results		
1. Niki Lauda	McLaren	10
2. Nelson Piquet	Brabham	9
3. John Watson	McLaren	9
4. Jacques Laffite	Sauber-Williams	6
5. Rene Arnoux	Ferrari	4
6. Marc Surer	Arrows	3
7. Patrick Tambay	Ferrari	2
8. Johnny Cecotto	Theodore	1

World Standings		
1. John Watson	N. Ireland	McLaren
2. Niki Lauda	Austria	McLaren
3. Rene Arnoux	France	Ferrari
4. Jacques Laffite	France	Sauber-Williams
5. Marc Surer	Switzerland	Arrows
6. Johnny Cecotto	Venezuela	Theodore
7. Raul Boesel	Brazil	Ligier
8. Danny Sullivan	U.S.	Tyrrell



Watson ... fantastic late burst

to be faster. But I don't want to analyze it too deeply because I might end up confusing myself for the next race in America."

The race, run under a bright sun with a crowd estimated at more than 70,000 on hand, was reportedly the last Formula One event here. A news conference is scheduled Monday with speculation that next year's Grand Prix will be a part of the CART Indy-Car series.

Watson's victory marked the first time in the eight-year history of the Long Beach Formula One event that anyone had won after starting farther back than the front row.

Front-row starters Patrick Tambay of

France and Arnoux, both in turbocharged Ferraris, each had problems with third-place starter Keke Rosberg of Finland.

Rosberg, the defending world champion, tried to put his Sauber-Williams in the lead when the green flag came out and tagged Arnoux's Ferrari. That slowed down the red car enough so that not only Rosberg, but also his teammate, Laffite, and Michele Alboreto of Italy, in a Tyrrell, got by. But Rosberg, who managed to remain in second place despite doing a spectacular 360-degree spin during the first lap, couldn't get past pole-sitter Tambay, who stayed on top until the

22nd lap.

Rosberg moved inside Tambay at that point, trying to squeeze past as the sleek open-wheel, open-cockpit cars made the slowest turn on the circuit. Suddenly Tambay was sideways, with the nose of Rosberg's car slamming into the Ferrari and nearly turning it over. Both cars spun, but Rosberg was able to keep moving for a few seconds before third-place Laffite came up on him quickly and bumped him. Rosberg moved off the track and came to a stop.

"If he (Laffite) had played the game like a team we both would have been OK," the disappointed Rosberg said.

Laffite held the lead until lap 45 of the 75-lap race, when both Watson and Lauda caught him and sped by. Watson's last Formula One victory came in the Detroit Grand Prix last June, where he roared from 17th place to the triumph. He also charged from a 16th-place start to second two weeks ago in the season-opener at Brazil before his non-turbocharged engine blew.

Watson's McLaren, sponsored by Marlboro and running on Michelin tires, made the entire distance without a pit stop. Brazilian Nelson Piquet, whose Brabham won at Brazil, never ran with the leaders Sunday and wound up well back in the field after apparently burning out a turbocharger late in the race.

Lauda took the lead in the World Championship standings with 10 points, followed by Piquet with nine, Watson nine and Laffite six.

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE					WESTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC DIVISION					MIDWEST DIVISION				
	W	L	Pct.	GB	San Antonio	44	27	.620	—
Philadelphia	59	11	.843	—	Denver	39	33	.542	5½
Boston	48	22	.686	11	Kansas City	36	35	.507	8
New Jersey	45	26	.634	14½	Dallas	36	36	.500	8½
New York	38	33	.535	21½	Utah	25	47	.347	19½
Washington	34	36	.486	25	Houston	15	57	.263	30½
CENTRAL DIVISION					PACIFIC DIVISION				
Milwaukee	46	26	.639	—	Los Angeles	51	18	.739	—
Atlanta	37	35	.514	9	Phoenix	43	28	.606	9
Detroit	32	39	.451	13½	Seattle	41	31	.569	11½
Chicago	25	46	.352	20½	Portland	40	31	.563	12
Cleveland	18	53	.254	27½	Golden State	25	46	.352	27
Indiana	18	53	.254	27½	San Diego	24	47	.338	28

Canucks rout Kings to snatch playoff berth

NEW YORK, March 28 (AP) — Stan Smyl scored two goals during a five-goal second period as the Vancouver Canucks clinched a playoff berth in the Smythe Division with an 8-4 victory Sunday night over the Los Angeles Kings in the National Hockey League.

Elsewhere in the NHL, Hartford goalie Greg Millen made 34 saves as the Bruins surprised Boston, 5-1, and ended the Bruins' four-game winning streak. The Bruins scored their consolation in the last stanza after the Whalers had slammed in five in the first two periods.

Steve Larmer and Al Secord scored two goals each to lift the Chicago Black Hawks to a 6-0 victory over the Detroit Red Wings. The Black Hawks took Wings in the first period with a four-goal burst and added one each in the remaining two periods as the Red Wings went scoreless.

Ron Flockhart and Bill Barber scored 57 seconds apart in the first period to lead the Philadelphia Flyers to a 4-1 victory over the New Jersey Devils. The Flyers rode out a three-goal first period lead to avenge their recent defeat at the hands of the Devils.

Dale McCourt drilled a slap shot past Quebec goalie Clint Malarchuk with just two minutes left in the game to lift the Buffalo Sabres to a 6-6 tie with the Nordiques. The Sabres overturned a two-goal first period Nordiques' lead with a furious comeback in the last two sessions.

And Mark Pavelich scored two goals, the

winner at 6:06 of the third period boosting the New York Rangers to a 5-4 decision over the Washington Capitals. The Rangers were trailing the Capitals by a goal at the beginning of the last period. But Rangers first neutralized the deficit and Pavelich then got the winner.

Meanwhile, Norway coasted to a comfortable 6-2 victory over Yugoslavia to chalk up their third win against two loss in the Pool "B" Ice Hockey World Championships in Tokyo Monday.

Rain, a spoil sport at Georgetown

GEORGETOWN, Guyana, March 28 (AP) — Rain, which had already washed out the first two days of the scheduled four-day match, ruined the final day as the touring Indian cricket team had to settle for meaningless practice against Guyana here Sunday.

Only two hours 10 minutes play was possible as rain twice interrupted play. In that time, the Indians moved from their overnight 275 for three wickets to 286 for three before declaring after the first interruption by rain and Guyana finished with 119 for six wickets in just under two hours batting.

It had been agreed after the loss of the first two days to divide the batting time equally between the teams to five and a quarter hours each. In the event, the Indians had to settle for four hours and 20 minutes in all during which an innings of 121 from Mohinder

Amarnath and 75 from Ravi Shastri were the highlights.

Sunil Gavaskar and Dilip Vengsarkar, both of whom have been short of runs in the series against the West Indies, were looking forward to some more practice when they resumed but they were cut after 20 minutes play by the first shower.

For Guyana, opening batsman Tyrone Etwaroo played well for 53 but there was no atmosphere to the play before an almost empty ground. The next match on the Indians' tour is the second One-Day International series against the West Indies at Albion in Berbice County, 80 miles south of here, on Tuesday. The third Test of the series is scheduled to start here at the same Bourda Oval where the Guyana match was played on Thursday.

Meanwhile, the touring Australian Cricket side arrived in Harare Sunday night for a series of eight matches in Zimbabwe. The visitors open with a One-Day match Wednesday in Harare against Zimbabwe Colts, followed by a four-day match in Harare against the Zimbabwe national side.

Brief scores: Indians 286 for three decl. (M. Amarnath 121, R. Shastri 75, S. Gavaskar 36 n.o., D. Vengsarkar 34 n.o.) drew with Guyana 119 for six (T. Etwaroo 53, F. Bacchus 11, W. White 15; Madanlal 1-37, Sandhu 1-44, Venkatraghavan 2-14, Shastri 1-11).

In Five Mills International

Castella does it with ease

SAN VITTORE OLONA, Italy, March 28 (AP) — Robert de Castella of Australia and American Margaret Gross won the 51st Five Mills International Cross Country race for men and women Sunday.

De Castella covered the 9.5 kilometer course past five old water mills in 31:19 minutes, 10 seconds faster than Hans Jorg Kunze of East Germany. Pat Porter of the United States came in third 12 seconds behind the winner.

Gross covered the 4 kilometer course in 18:19 minutes, beating Agnese Possamai of Italy by nine seconds. Carolyn Schumacher of the United States was third with a time of 1:36 minutes.

Meanwhile, in Gainesville, East Tennessee State's Kevin Johnson ran the second sub-four-minute mile in Florida relays history to highlight the final day of competition Saturday at the 40th annual event.

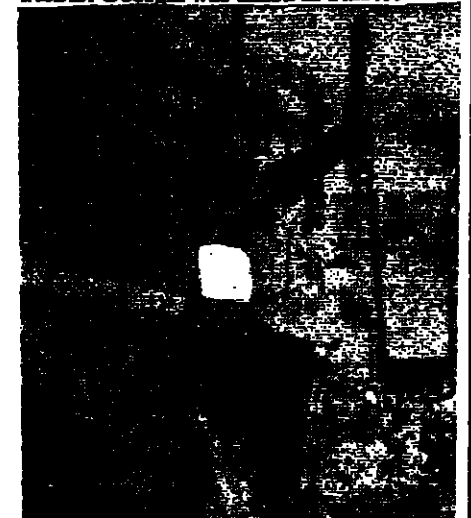
Johnson, named the outstanding collegiate performer in the two-day meet, ran primarily alone for the last half-mile on his way to posting a time of three minutes, 58.57 seconds, only the second sub-four-minute mile in Florida relays history. Leonard Hilton of Houston ran a 3:59.6 in 1973.

Meanwhile, sprinter Mel Lattany won the outstanding open division award by beating former 60-meter world record holder Houston McTear and two-time Olympian Harvey Glance in the 100 meters. Lattany was timed in 10.45 seconds.

Neither Glance nor McTear were a factor

in the race. Rutgers' Elliot, finished second in 10.67. McTear was fourth and Glance sixth with clocking of 10.81 and 10.91, respectively. Another former Olympian, Walter McCoy, won the 400 meters with a time of 45.69. McCoy defeated his Athletic Attic teammate Ron Taylor, another world class performer, who ran a 46.14.

Georgia and Texas Christian dominated the relay events with Georgia taking first and TCU second in the 400 meter relay. The two schools flip-flopped positions in the 800 meter relay with TCU winning in 1:22.2. Georgia was timed in 1:23.0.



De Castella ... another victory

To stay in the running

Sonics put up jazzy show

NEW YORK, March 28 (AP) — After a long, dry spell where they struggled to stay above the .500 mark, the Seattle SuperSonics are in the homestretch of the season with a playoff berth in sight and have won eight of their last 10 games, including Sunday night's 112-108 victory over the Utah Jazz.

The victory leapfrogged the Sonics over Portland into third place in the Pacific Division after the Trail Blazers lost a 110-95 decision to the Kansas City Kings.

Jack Sikma scored 23 points and Lonnie Shelton had 18 to pace the Seattle offense. The Sonics broke open the game early in the fourth quarter when a three-point shot by Freddie Brown put them up 96-85, and they outscored the Jazz 8-2 over the next three minutes to beat Utah for the 15th straight time. Darrell Griffith led the Jazz with 25 points, while John Drew had 21.

Kings 110, Trail Blazers 95: Joe C. Merriweather scored a season-high 21 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to pace Kansas City over Portland. The triumph kept the Kings alive for a spot in the NBA Western Conference playoffs as they went over the .500 mark at 36-35 with their fourth victory in five games.

The Kings took advantage of Portland shooting lapses to build a 17-point lead in the first half and were on top 52-36 at halftime. The Trail Blazers went 12 minutes without a field goal and missed 18 consecutive shots.

In the second half, Portland drew to within seven points only to hit another dry spell, going scoreless from the field for nearly six minutes. Portland committed 27 turnovers, with 10 charged to Mychal Thompson.

John Cook hangs on to slender lead

PONTE VEDRA, Florida, March 28 (AP) — John Cook played a steady round of 71 and clung to a one-stroke lead Sunday after 54 holes of the twice-delayed and not-yet-complete \$700,000 Tournament Players Championship.

"About as solid a round as I can play," said Cook, 25, who was handicapped by a wrist injury most of last season. "I've had many lower scores, but I don't think I've ever hit the ball better. It was very gratifying."

Cook, the second-round leader, finished three trips over the controversial Players' Club course in 210, six shots under par. Bobby Clampett, a long-time amateur competitor of Cook's who joined the pro tour with him in 1980, closed up with a 70 — including birdies on the 15th and 16th holes — and moved to within one stroke at 211. Still another of their buddies from the

recent days as amateurs, Vance Heafner, was third at 69-212. Those three will play together in the final round Monday.

A series of thunderstorms, packing rain, wind and lightning, caused a three-hour delay in the start of the Sunday's play and made it impossible to complete the scheduled two-round, 36-hole wind-up. The final round now is set Monday. The tournament start was delayed one day by heavy rains.

Ben Crenshaw, Don Pooley and Peter Jacobsen were three shots off the lead at 213. Crenshaw played the back nine in 32, and finished with a 69. Pooley and Jacobsen each matched par 72. Hal Sutton, with a 70, and Bruce Lietzke, with a 71, were next at 214.

Jack Nicklaus, a three-time winner of this event before it moved to its present site, made an early run at the leaders but couldn't keep it going.

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While retaining crown with unanimous points verdict

Holmes finds Lucien a tough nut to crack

SCRANTON, Pennsylvania, March 28 (AP) — Larry Holmes scored a one-sided points victory over France's European champion Lucien Rodriguez to keep his World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title here Sunday night.

But in the final stages of the first championship bout over the new WBC twelve-rounds limit, the world champion was jeered by some 7,000 frustrated home supporters when he failed to put the Frenchman down for the count.

Rodriguez, despite a weight and reach disadvantage, was remarkably fit and mobile. But it was clear from the first bell that he had only one thought in his mind — staying the distance.

Considering that only two of Holmes' previous 15 title challengers had survived to hear the final bell, that seemingly modest goal was not unambitious. But as the fight progressed it became quickly clear that Holmes was not in peak condition and although Rodriguez weaved superbly he did not have a punch that could worry the champion.

Most of the Frenchman's blows landed harmlessly on Holmes' gloves or arms and they lacked any real penetration or accuracy. It was very different when Holmes opened up. The champion's punches thudded home with sickening power and it was to Rodriguez credit that he managed to ride so many of them.

In the opening rounds Holmes kept Rodriguez at a distance. The champion's stinging left jabs, one of his most effective weapons, forced the European champion to hide behind a high guard and keep circling away. And when Rodriguez did try to get to grips inside he found himself tagged by the champion's right crosses.

The fight followed the same pattern, with Holmes scoring well with his jabs and occasionally letting fly with a big right hand and Rodriguez moving to keep out of trouble, until the sixth round.

Rodriguez tries to rush under the champ-



WELL CONNECTED: Champ Larry Holmes (right) connects a stinging right to the chin of challenger Lucien Rodriguez during their heavyweight bout in Scranton Sunday night.

ion's guard and was caught by a tremendous uppercut. The force of the blow lifted Rodriguez off the canvas. He slipped sideways on the canvas and although up immediately, he had to take an eight count from Philippine referee Carlos Padilla. The fans, who had

packed the stadium to cheer their champion (Holmes lived in nearby Easton for the first twenty years of his life), were alive to the prospect of an imminent knock-out. But although the champion threw some of his best punches at the challenger in the following rounds, Rodriguez survived the onslaught.

The result, however, was never in doubt. Two of the judges, Arsenio Garcia of Mexico and Omar Minto of Venezuela scored the fight 120-109 to the champion and the third judge, Abraham Chavarria of Mexico, made it 120-108 for Holmes.

Rodriguez, the first Frenchman to fight for the world heavyweight title in 62 years, earned \$100,000 for the contest and, unlike his compatriot Georges Carpentier, who was knocked out in four rounds by the great Jack Dempsey in Jersey City in 1921, had the satisfaction of knowing that he could not be put down by the boxer who ended the career of Muhammad Ali.

After his victory Holmes paid a warm tribute to the courage of the Frenchman. He said Rodriguez had been a worthy challenger and admitted that he had been surprised by the Frenchman's staying power. Although he had failed to win by a knockout Holmes claimed he had been confident of the result from the start. He looked forward to his next title fight against compatriot Tom Witherspoon in May.

Rodriguez admitted that Holmes' punches were among the hardest he had ever had to take and said he had been badly stunned by the champion's uppercut in the sixth round. "I wanted to last the distance so badly it made me too cautious and defensive. I was always anxious of leaving an opening for Holmes if I attacked — especially in the last four rounds."

New format likely for English Soccer

LONDON, March 28 (Agencies) — The English First Division could be slimmed down from 22 to 20 clubs if a recommendation made in the report of the Chester Committee published Monday is adopted by the Football League.

But the committee, under former Oxford Don Lord Chester, also recommended that there should be no overall reduction in the size of the league, although clubs forced to resign would not be replaced.

The two clubs dropped from the First Division would be accommodated in the Second Division which would then comprise 24 clubs, while a radical reorganization of the Third and Fourth Divisions was also recommended.

The 48 clubs currently playing in the Third and Fourth Divisions would be divided into four regional leagues of 12 clubs each, with the top two in each section going forward to a promotion playoff series, the top four overall being admitted to the Second Division.

A similar system would operate at the bottom of the regional leagues, with the team finishing bottom of the playoff pool automatically replaced by the alliance Premier League champions.

Lord Chester put forward similar proposals in 1968, but they were dismissed by the league, although he feels that the financial crisis facing the game will make the clubs more receptive to the idea today.

But the committee were far from unanimous in their findings, with League President Jack Dunnet, the chairman of First Division Notts County, who was a committee member, against the idea of trimming the First Division.

Among the committee's other suggestions, all of which are intended to take effect at the start of the 1984-85 season, were that home clubs should keep the entire gate receipts from matches, that clubs who appear most in televised games should be given a greater share of the revenue, and that the Football League Milk should be organized on a seedings basis, with First and Second Division clubs seeded from the second round to ensure they meet first round winners from the lower divisions.

The committee, looking into the structure and finance of league football, said that there was an ever-widening gap between big and small clubs in quality of grounds, financial resources and wages, and the recommenda-

tions were designed to narrow that gulf. The recommendations will be voted on by team chairmen at the Football League's annual meeting June 10. If accepted they will come into effect next season.

John Smith, chairman of Liverpool and a member of the Chester Committee, said he hoped teams "in the lower echelons of the league will have the common sense to accept the proposals. If there is not a strong First and Second Division, there is little hope for the survival of the others," he said.

There are also recommendations on curbing hooliganism, improving advertising, reducing transfer fees, adjusting kick-off times to attract more spectators, and making better use of TV revenue.

League secretary Graham Kelly described the recommendation to reduce the number of First Division clubs as "very radical and far reaching." He said: "A smaller First Division of 20 clubs would be better. It would reduce the field of players and it would help the England team which is always something in the forefront of our minds."

Kelly added: "The management committee does not, however, subscribe to the regionalized Third and Fourth Divisions."

Dalglish player of year

LONDON, March 28 (Agencies) — Kenny Dalglish, the man who refused to fade away, was voted player of the year as Liverpool swept the awards of the English League Professional Footballers Association (PFA) Sunday night.

Some expected the 32-year-old Scot to yield his place at the top after last year's World Cup and his seasons of success with Celtic and Liverpool. But Dalglish, ever determined, confounded the doubters. He held his form and fueled his enthusiasm in a lethal striking partnership with Welshman Ian Rush.

Rush, the First Division's top scorer, won the young player of the year award, while manager Bob Paisley completed the Liverpool sweep by collecting the PFA merit presentation. Paisley crowned his final season Saturday when he mounted the steps to the Royal Box at Wembley to receive the Football League Cup after Liverpool's 2-1 victory over Manchester United. He is set to collect the 20th major trophy of his nine-year reign at Anfield when Liverpool complete their almost inevitable league championship triumph, taking the First Division title a record 14th time.

Past winners of the merit award include Paisley's predecessor at Liverpool, Bill Shankly, former Manchester United manager Sir Matt Busby, and players of the stamp of Bobby Charlton and Denis Law. Few trophies have eluded Liverpool in the past two decades but the PFA awards to Dalglish and Rush were the first to Liverpool players since the presentations were first made 10 years ago.

Dalglish takes over as player of the year from Kevin Keegan, the man he succeeded as

idol of Anfield's top after Keegan joined Hamburg of West Germany in 1977. The far-haired Scot, who has scored over 300 goals in the English and Scottish Leagues, received his award from Paisley. Rush, the First Division's leading marksman, was given his trophy by Welsh national team chief Mike England. Former Liverpool player Roger Hunt, a member of England's 1966 World Cup winning team, presented Paisley with his award.

Manchester United, beaten by Liverpool, had to settle for second place again in the PFA awards. Their England captain Bryan Robson was runner-up in the senior category and Northern Ireland's Norman Whiteside in the young player section. Rush was third in the main category and Tottenham's Gary Mabbutt third in the young player poll.



Dalglish... baffles all

European soccer results

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Avellino	0	Sampdoria	1	Estrela	0
Cagliari	2	Vercelli	1	Boavista	0
Cosenza	0	Frosinone	2	Guimaraes	0
Florentina	2	Roma	2	Salgueiros	1
Genda	2	Inter	3	Vazir	1
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Martina mesmerizes Chris on way to title

NEW YORK, March 28 (AP) — Martina Navratilova dominated Chris Evert Lloyd as she has women's tennis the past two years and swept to a 6-2, 6-0 victory Sunday in the final of the \$350,000 Virginia Slims Championships of New York.

The victory was worth \$81,000 to Navratilova, who had teamed with Pam Shriver on Saturday to win the doubles title, and raised her career earnings to more than \$5.1 million.

For Lloyd, who is ranked No. 2 in the world, it was her most lopsided loss to Navratilova in their 52 career meetings. "I'd just as soon forget about it," Lloyd said immediately after the match. "She really cleaned my clock today." Then she added: "That was one of her better matches — I hope."

Lloyd didn't play poorly; Navratilova was simply incredible in every respect. The left-hander determined almost from the first stroke of the match what Lloyd could do. She used chips, drop shots, top-spins and slices from the baseline. And her forays to the net

almost always ended with a winning volley. "It was one of the best matches I've ever played. I don't know if I can play better," Navratilova admitted.

The victory ran Navratilova's current streak to 27 straight. She has won 114 and lost just three matches since the beginning of 1982. The two held serve through the first four games, but the first chink in Lloyd's armor showed in the fourth game when Navratilova had a break point. But Lloyd, with the help of unforced errors by Navratilova, finally held service in a 14-point game.

In the fifth game, Lloyd flicked a forehand passing shot down the line after Navratilova's backhand drop shot bounced up too high. Then she caught the left-hander at the net and passed her when she rifled a forehand down the line.

Lloyd took a love-40 lead when Navratilova netted a backhand volley and it appeared Lloyd would have the first break of the match. But Lloyd sailed a forehand long, was long with a service returning and Nav-

ratilova pulled even with a backhand passing shot. Navratilova also took the next two games, holding serve with a lob that Lloyd could only get her racket on.

From then on, it was all Navratilova, even though numerous points were miniature masterpieces as the two grabbed the points with winning shots rather than the other's mistakes. Navratilova broke Lloyd for the first time in the sixth game at 15. But Lloyd almost broke back in the seventh game, taking a 30-40 lead.

Then came perhaps the most crucial point of the match — a 22-stroke match-within-a-match that Navratilova won with a delicate backhand stop volley. That levelled the game to deuce, and she took the next two points to hold serve. The rout was on.

Sixty-four minutes after the battle began, it was over, and Navratilova once again had demonstrated why she is No. 1. In a third-place match, Hanika defeated Billie Jean King 6-1, 7-6. The West German pocketed \$25,000, while King received \$20,000.

Anis gets past Zarar in single-wicket clash

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, March 28 — The Benson & Hedges Single-Wicket Cricket Championship got off to a fine start last weekend. Forty-eight competitors participated and the numbers were pruned down to 16 after some enthralling contests.

The closest match in the two-over, eight balls per over, tie was between IAF's Anis Qureshi and Rangers' Zarar. Anis, batting first, just managed three runs. But this tally proved enough for him to advance after an accurate spell of bowling. The quarterfinals will be played Thursday, April 7, and the quarterfinals, semifinals and the final will be held the next day, April 8.

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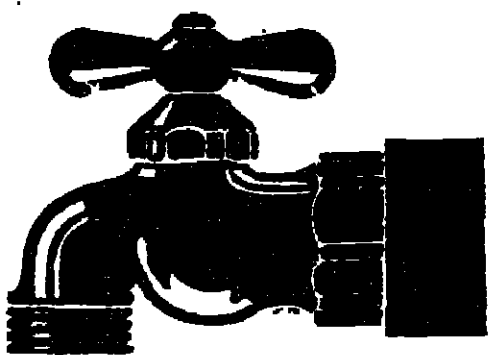
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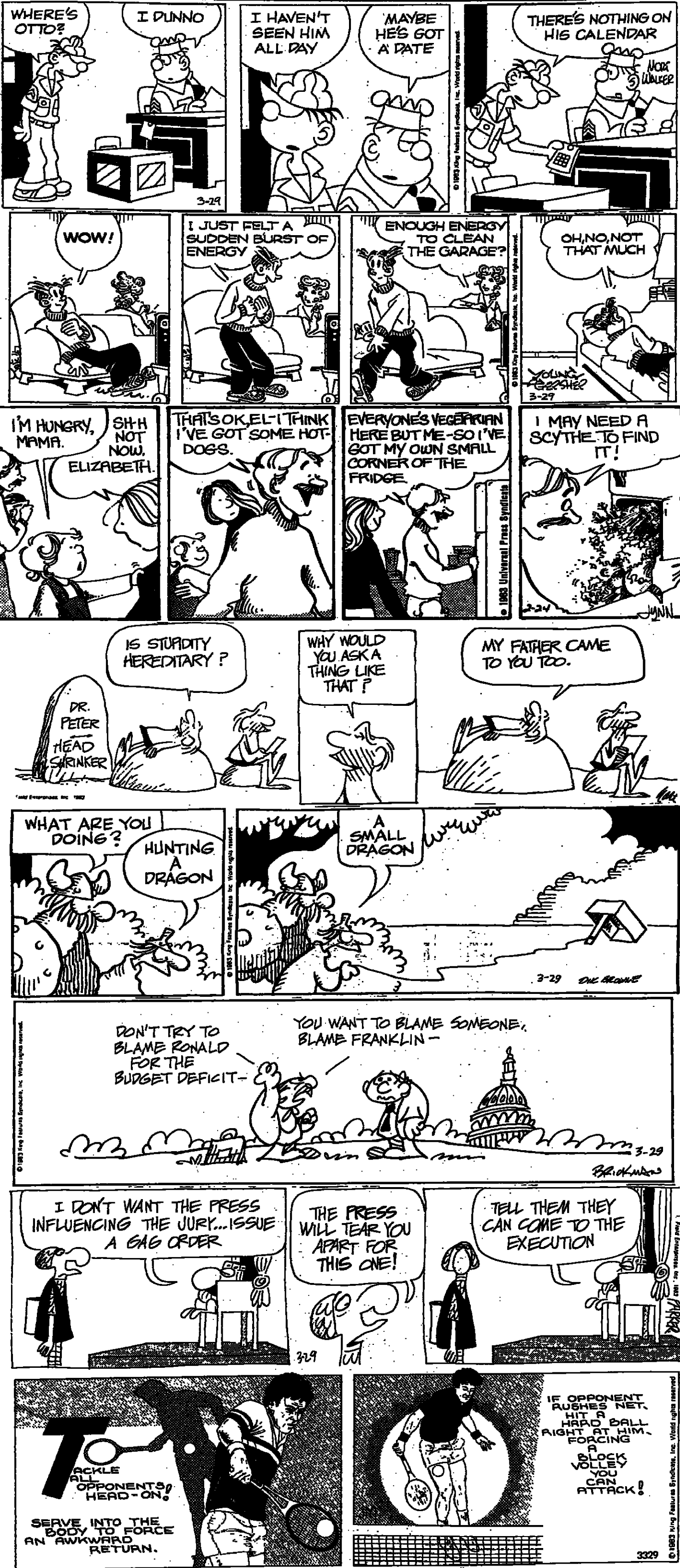
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5:55 Mystery Movie, followed by News Summary	5:55 Mystery Movie, followed by News Summary	
Dhahran		
4:00 Children's Show!	4:00 Children's Show!	
4:10 Sesame Street and Cartoons	4:10 Sesame Street and Cartoons	
4:20 Saudi Bazaar/Dolpin	4:20 Saudi Bazaar/Dolpin	
4:30 Documentary/A Place of Dreams	4:30 Documentary/A Place of Dreams	
4:40 Chaps/Matt Team	4:40 Chaps/Matt Team	
4:50 Survivors/Garland's War	4:50 Survivors/Garland's War	
5:00 Cinema a Break!	5:00 Cinema a Break!	
5:10 Movie's Birthday	5:10 Movie's Birthday	
5:20 Terry and June/World of Love	5:20 Terry and June/World of Love	
5:30 Disney/Golden Hour	5:30 Disney/Golden Hour	
5:40 News	5:40 News	
Dubai Channel 33		
4:00 Holy Quran	4:00 Holy Quran	
4:15 Religious Talk	4:15 Religious Talk	
4:30 Cartoons	4:30 Cartoons	
4:40 Arabic Series	4:40 Arabic Series	
4:50 Cartoons	4:50 Cartoons	
5:00 Religious Talk	5:00 Religious Talk	
5:10 Documentary	5:10 Documentary	
5:20 With People	5:20 With People	
5:30 Daily Gulf Series	5:30 Daily Gulf Series	
5:40 Local News	5:40 Local News	
5:50 Sports Program	5:50 Sports Program	
6:00 Daily Arabic Drama	6:00 Daily Arabic Drama	
6:10 World News	6:10 World News	
6:20 Soap/Program Preview	6:20 Soap/Program Preview	
Bahrain Channel 55		
4:00 Holy Quran	4:00 Holy Quran	
4:15 Religious Talk	4:15 Religious Talk	
4:30 Cartoons	4:30 Cartoons	
4:40 Arabic Series	4:40 Arabic Series	
4:50 Cartoons	4:50 Cartoons	
5:00 Religious Talk	5:00 Religious Talk	
5:10 Documentary	5:10 Documentary	
5:20 With People	5:20 With People	
5:30 Daily Gulf Series	5:30 Daily Gulf Series	
5:40 Local News	5:40 Local News	
5:50 Sports Program	5:50 Sports Program	
6:00 Daily Arabic Drama	6:00 Daily Arabic Drama	
6:10 World News	6:10 World News	
6:20 Soap/Program Preview	6:20 Soap/Program Preview	
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4:00 Holy Quran	4:00 Holy Quran	
4:15 Religious Talk	4:15 Religious Talk	
4:30 Cartoons	4:30 Cartoons	
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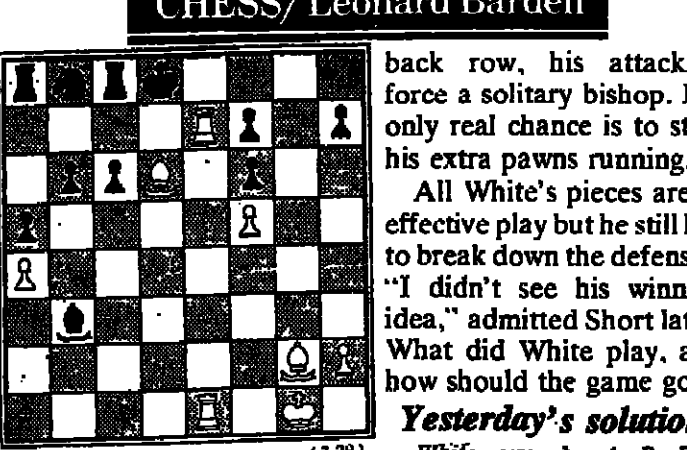
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BBC World Service		
0300 World News	0300 Sports International	
0305 News about Britain	0305 Radio Newsworld	
0315 Radio Newsworld	0315 British Chamber Music	
0330 President's Program	0330 Sports Round-up	
0400 Wavepilot	0400 World News	
0410 Paperback Choice	0400 Twenty-Four Hours	
0415 Outlook	0400 News Summary	
0445 Lenses - The Prince of Wales	0430 Network U.K.	
0500 World News	0445 A Jelly Good Show	
0505 British Press Review	0450 Ann Veronica	
0515 Network U.K.	0500 Radio Newsworld	
0530 Sports International	0515 Outlook	
0600 World News	0530 15th, Racing from Cheltenham	
0605 News about Britain	0530 World News	
0615 The World Today	0530 News Summary	
0630 John Peel	0530 Priestland's Progress (as in, The Thames River Police)	
0700 News Summary	0530 The World Today	
0730 Voices to Remember	0530 World News	
0745 Financial News	0530 Meridian	
0755 Reflections	0530 Scotland This Week	
0800 World News	0530 Sports Round-up	
0805 Twenty-Four Hours	0530 World News	
0830 News Summary	0530 News about Britain	
0845 The World Today	0530 Radio Newsworld	
0900 News Summary	0530 Nature Notebook	
0930 Jazz for the Aching	0530 The Farming World	
1000 World News	0530 Outlook: News Summary	
1005 Twenty-Four Hours	0530 Stock Market Report	
1030 The Fred Woods Collection	0530 Look Ahead	
1045 Network U.K.	0530 The Fred Woods Collection	
1100 World News	1100 World News	
1105 Reflections	1105 Twenty-Four Hours	
1115 The World of Utrid	1105 News Summary	
1130 Arranged for the Piano	1105 Voices to Remember	
AFTERNOON TRANSMISSION	1105 Ann Veronica	
1200 World News	1105 Letter from London	
1205 British Press Review	1105 Paperback Choice	
1215 The World Today	1105 Rock Sale	
1230 Financial News	1105 World News	
1240 Look Ahead	1105 The World Today	
1245 Dictionary	1105 Scotland This Week	
0115 Lord Haweswood's Musical Moments	1105 Financial News	
0130 Rock Sale	1105 Reflections	
0200 World News	1105 Sports Round-up	
0205 News about Britain	1105 World News	
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1 Flu symptom	1 Indian city
5 Deride; mock	2 Layer of society
10 Shine	3 Flying device
11 Shout	4 Lambkin
13 Evaluate	5 Aegis
14 Indian city	6 Late actor, Richard -
15 Fit - fiddle	7 Obsolete
16 Favorite	8 Extremely happy
17 Strain - gnat	9 Inventive
18 Figure of speech	12 Property
20 Sesame	16 Linguish
21 Peel	19 Tame
22 Lose spirit	22 Angora, e.g. 29 Perfume
23 One kind of TV	27 Pure
25 - Island, N.Y.C.	28 Sinks problem
26 "It's not - idea!"	28 Dance (Fr.)
27 Sink problem	29 greeting
28 Dance (Fr.)	31 Totality
29 greeting	32 English river
31 Totality	33 Late Cole
32 English river	35 Snare
33 Late Cole	37 Bless with christm
35 Snare	38 Uprising
37 Bless with christm	40 Growing out
38 Uprising	41 English composer
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Yesterday's Answer

23 Beach house 30 Massenet opera
24 Edible mollusk 34 Old-time peruke
25 Man of few words 36 Keresan Indian
27 Pure 37 "Diavolo"

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South West North East

1 Pass 10 Pass

2 Pass 20 Pass

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Opening lead - two of hearts.

Assume you're in three notrump and West leads a heart, on which you play dummy's jack. If East covers with the king, you have an easy time making eleven tricks. You win with the ace, lose a diamond finesse to East's king, and eventually wind up with five diamond tricks, two spades, two hearts and two clubs.

But if East plays low on the jack of hearts at trick one, as

he should, you go down, assuming proper defense. When you later lead the jack of diamonds East ducks, and from that point on you're in trouble. You can't bring dummy's diamonds home.

However, if you play the hand more carefully, you can't be stopped from making five notrump. The proper play from dummy at trick one is the five of hearts, not the jack!

Observe the effect of this play. You win East's ten with the ace, lead the jack of diamonds and finesse. If East ducks, you try another finesse, losing to the king. East's return is immaterial because, whatever he does, you force your way into dummy by leading a heart to the Q-J to score your five diamond tricks.

A low heart play from dummy at trick one is obviously correct if you stop to consider the play of the hand as a whole. It guarantees at least eleven tricks, regardless of how the cards are divided. The same cannot be said about putting up dummy's jack.

But the sad fact is that many declarers would quickly play the jack of hearts at trick one and, after East followed low, start to think about how to play the hand. They would play in haste but repent at leisure.

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FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1983

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)

Avoid provoking others after dark. Be less self-insistent. Intellectual, travel, publishing, school and legal matters are favored.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)

Act discreetly, especially regarding financial moves. Researchers have luck now. Work performance may be somewhat erratic.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

Don't needlessly arouse

another person's jealousy. A friend may be competitive. You'll enjoy mental rapport with a loved one.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Career matters are happily accented, but in your drive to the top, remember to be considerate of a family member's feelings.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

Don't be intimidated into making a decision. Think over alternatives carefully. Make a

start on a creative project.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Good news comes about a financial matter, but close ties are still prone to argue about money. Don't be pushed into extravagance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

Pay close attention to conversation or you'll miss something. Be level-headed when others act from temperament.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

This is a good time to reach agreement about salary and other financial matters. Co-workers, though, aren't especially cooperative.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You'll have better rapport

with loved ones than friends now. You may meet with rivalry in love matters. Avoid arguing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Private chats with family members are heartwarming, though some domestic friction is possible after dark. Appearances could break down.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

Don't expect everyone to agree with you today. Social life is favored, but it's not a good time to seek advice from friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)

This is an excellent time to establish mutual goals and to make plans for the future. Finances, though, could be a source of tension.

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Time magazine says

America 'directing' Nicaragua rebel raids

NEW YORK, March 28 (AP) — Experts from the CIA and U.S. Army's Southern Command are part of a political committee that's behind hit-and-run attacks on the Nicaraguan government from Honduras, Time magazine reports.

The Americans are part of a "political coordinating committee" that is the brain of the Nicaraguan counterrevolutionary group, the Nicaraguan Democratic Forces, or FDN, Time reported in its April 4 issue.

The FDN, an alliance of guerrillas, stages hit-and-run attacks on the Sandinista regime. Time reported. Quoting sources inside the FDN, the magazine said John Negroponte, U.S. ambassador to Honduras, is the coordinator of the committee.

Negroponte's job "is to keep the Hondurans in the game. He keeps them enthusiastic," an unidentified Western diplomat is quoted as saying by the weekly news-magazine.

Quoting sources, the magazine said the Americans form one of three FDN military general staffs. The American staff allegedly passes orders to a second staff, made up of members of the Honduran military and a military representative from Argentina.

(In Buenos Aires, an Argentine Foreign Ministry spokesman Monday denied that Argentine military personnel may be involved in attempts to topple the Sandinista government.)

The third staff, composed of former national guard officers, relays the order to the counterrevolutionary commanders, Time reported.

State Department press officer Anita Stockman in Washington had no comment on the report Sunday night saying State Department officials had not yet seen it.

Meanwhile, a rebel radio report monitored in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, said fighting had

intensified in the Nicaraguan hamlet of Fatima, seven miles from the Costa Rican border.

In San Jose, however, Costa Rica's Interior Minister Alfonso Carro said reports that the rebels had attacked Fatima from Costa Rica were "absolutely false."

The Costa Rican government said the country's security force had increased its vig-

ilance along the border with Nicaragua in order to prevent any anti-Sandinista rebels from entering Costa Rica from Nicaraguan territory.

Radio 15 de Septiembre, the voice of the Nicaraguan Democratic Forces, said the fighting had continued since Thursday, when it said guerrillas from the so-called Revolutionary Armed Forces of Nicaragua

attacked the town located 78 miles southeast of the Nicaraguan capital of Managua.

The rebel radio also reported intense fighting in Matigusa, a town 69 miles north of Managua, and said the rebels continued to control the provinces of Nueva Segovia, Jinotega and Matagalpa. Residents in Costa Rican towns along the border with Nicaragua reported over the weekend hearing gunfire from across the border.

Philippines to bust mail-order bride scandal

MANILA, March 28 (AP) — Foreign Minister Carlos P. Romulo has called for a police crackdown on travel agents arranging "long-distance marriages" between Filipino women and foreigners, the Foreign Ministry announced Monday.

The announcement followed the bombing on March 8 of the Philippine Embassy in Bonn allegedly by a German women's terrorist group protesting the "degrading trafficking" of Asian women, especially Filipinos, for marriage to German men.

The so-called "long-distance marriages" between people who have not met each other are usually arranged by travel agencies or offices specializing in such unions.

"West Germany and Australia are on top of the 'honor roll' of countries whose men have sought Filipino mail-order brides," said a Foreign Ministry official who asked not to be identified. "The list also includes England, the Netherlands and the United States. Name any country and they're on the roll."

"It's a scandal," the official said. "These people take advantage of Filipino women who are either ignorant or in need of money. The girls end up in a country where they don't know the language and the culture and the place, and they are exploited." Some girls are later

turned into housemaids (domestics), the official said.

"These are not marriages, these are commercial transactions where travel agencies, including Germans with local counterparts, get a fee for arranging them," the official said.

He said Filipino and Thai women are the Asians often victimized. "The men who seek them out are those who are down in their luck with women, the lowly and old bachelors," the official said.

The government has no figures how many Filipino mail-order brides have gone abroad. "It's very difficult to get numbers because these are very private matters," he said.

The bombing slightly damaged the embassy in Bonn. Romulo said the German Interior Ministry has informed Philippine authorities the terrorist group "Rotezora" claimed responsibility.

The ministry said Romulo ordered the embassy to "mount a press campaign" informing the German public of the Philippines' "commitment to the dignity of women" and that the government is taking steps to curb the practice.

These include thorough screening of passport applicants "with questionable motives" for going abroad. Romulo has also asked the police to redouble efforts in "ferreting out the travel agencies."

Jugnauth forms coalition anew

PORT LOUIS, March 28 (AFP) — Mauritian Prime Minister Anerood Jugnauth on Monday formed a new coalition government following last week's mass resignation by 11 ministers.

The new government comprises 10 Mauritian Militant Movement (MMM) ministers, the main party in the former ruling coalition which swept to power last June, five from the Mauritian Socialist Party, the former government's junior partner, and one from the small Rodrigue People's Organization, representing Rodrigues Island.

Jugnauth himself becomes finance minister, replacing Paul Berenger, who founded the Mauritian Militant Movement, and Foreign Minister Jean-Claude de l'Estrac has been replaced by Anil Gayan, an MMM member of parliament. The new cabinet is expected to win the approval of a small majority of MPs at the next legislative session scheduled for next week.

The MMM's central committee Sunday voted almost unanimously to break with the PSM, but the MMM MPs are not expected to go along with the party line. Jugnauth himself maintains that the Mauritian constitution does not permit his MMM party to exclude the PSM from the government.

The 11 ministers ostensibly resigned over the dismissal of the Mauritian Broadcasting Corporation chief Gaetan Essoo.

Joan of Arc legend refuted

PARIS, March 28 (AFP) — France's legendary Joan of Arc was not burned at the stake at the age of 19 by the English 500 years ago, but was killed in battle when she was 44, according to a French historian here Monday.

Pierre de Sermeuse came to his startling conclusion after six years of research on Middle Ages documents in the archives of the Bibliotheque Nationale (national library). The accepted historic version of Joan of Arc, the maid of Orleans, was that she was burned as a heretic in Rouen, northern France, in May 1431. She was just 19. But Pierre de Sermeuse, in his book *Joanne d'Arc and La Mandragore* published Monday, lists seven points contradicting history's accepted version.

He said she was actually born in Domremy

in 1407, and not the established date of 1412, and was in fact the illegitimate daughter of Louis d'Orleans and Isabel of Bavaria, which made her the sister of King Charles VII. This explains her easy access to the king when she was supposedly just a "poor peasant girl." She did not die at the stake — instead a witch replaced her and was burned in her place.

Professor De Sermeuse discovered eyewitness accounts from people who saw her alive in 1436. Later Joan of Arc married a French knight, Robert des Armoirs of Lorraine, in 1436 — when she was 29 — but the marriage was never consummated, he said. She was killed in battle in 1451 at the age of 44, he concluded.

Traditional historians were studying the new book, and refusing to comment.

Virus kills famous breed of horses

PIBER, Austria, March 28 (AP) — Six broodmares and 25 foals of the stud farm supplying the famed Lipizzaner horses of Vienna's Spanish riding school have died of a highly contagious herpes virus, the Agriculture Ministry said Monday.

Another six pregnant mares and 17 foals have been infected, while healthy horses were rushed to other farms in an effort to contain the epidemic, said Gertrude Worel, a ministry spokeswoman.

She revealed new details about the out-

break in a telephone conversation a day after a veterinarian on the case reported 30 deaths and five mares in danger from the virus.

Once the animals are afflicted, there is no effective remedy, said Mrs. Worel. Othmar Schmeihlik, the attending veterinarian, on Sunday identified the disease as rhinopneumonitis.

Horses develop either cough, pneumonia or paralytic symptoms. Medical sources Monday were reported as saying the horse-killing virus was first detected in the early 1970s.

"Veterinarians are administering circulation-activating drugs, vitamin B and other medicines to alleviate the infection," Mrs. Worel said. Austrian newspapers said the epidemic broke out in February, but the Agriculture Ministry, in charge of the stud farm and the riding school, imposed a news blackout.

Meanwhile, a Lipizzaner mare in England which had the herpes virus disease was cured by intensive injections, its owner said Monday. "But we still don't know the cause," said Sally Fox of north London.

Mrs. Fox said her mare was cured by anti-histamine and cortisone injections.

Mount Etna erupts

ROME, March 28 (AFP) — A significant increase in the volcanic activity of Mount Etna in Sicily has been registered in the past 24 hours, it was reported here Monday.

On the spot Italian experts saw a strong flow of lava emanating from a crack about a hundred meters wide at an altitude of 2,500 meters early Monday, but they were not able to estimate its exact speed.

The sound of the increased volcanic activity could be heard in the area surrounding the town of Catania. Since Sunday Etna has been sending out smoke, vapor and ashes.

Facing ban, Nkomo party seeks talks with Mugabe

HARARE, Zimbabwe, March 28 (AP) — Joshua Nkomo's opposition ZAPU Party, fearful that it faces banning, has called for talks on its future with Prime Minister Robert Mugabe.

The call came from acting Zimbabwe African Peoples' Union President Josiah Chinamano Monday — two days after Mugabe threatened to "disarm ZAPU as a political party" unless opposition leaders themselves disarm dissidents blamed for a wave of terror in Matabeleland province.

Mugabe accused "more and more ZAPU leaders" of recruiting, sponsoring and feeding dissidents.

"The prime minister's allegations and accusations against ZAPU are so serious that they warrant personal discussions between him and the ZAPU leadership," Chinamano, acting for Nkomo while the president is in temporary exile in London, said in a statement published Monday by *The Herald*.

The Herald, controlled by the state-owned Mass Media Trust, in a separate editorial predicted "ZAPU's days are numbered" following Mugabe's tough address to supporters at a Harare rally.

"The prime minister will find it more difficult to resist pressure to end the legal existence of that socially cancerous party," the editorial said.

Chinamano, who became acting president after Nkomo fled Zimbabwe March 8, denied his party was linked with dissidents blamed for a wave of murders, raping, looting and robbery in Matabeleland — the opposition's tribal stronghold.

"It is common knowledge that ZAPU has no control over dissidents," Chinamano added. "The party has condemned, and continues to condemn, dissidents and their criminal activities. Unlike the government we have no information gathering machinery and the necessary instruments of power to deal with the menace..."

ZAPU leaders who requested anonymity

the opposition leadership believed Mugabe's warning was a threat to ban the party unless lawlessness ended in Matabeleland. "What else can he mean when he says he will 'disarm' the party," one told the Associated Press.

Chinamano, meanwhile, welcomed Mugabe's pledge that the government would investigate killings and atrocities by security forces and punish any offenders.

Church leaders, relief agencies and human rights bodies claim hundreds of men, women and children have been slain and others robbed, raped and tortured by both dissidents and government troops deployed in Matabeleland to hunt down rebels.

Bomb blast rocks Gauhati

NEW DELHI, March 28 (AFP) — A neighborhood of Gauhati, capital of the disturbed Assam state, was rocked by a powerful bomb blast late Sunday night, the Press Trust of India reported Monday. The blast came only hours after Assam protest leaders declared a truce in their four-year action against alleged illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and Nepal, in which thousands have died.

The bomb, which exploded in the compound of a high official of the state government, caused minor damage to the building. There were no casualties, the report said. Meanwhile, the situation in Nidhing and nearby areas in the Nowgong district of Assam remained tense for the second day Monday following murder of two farmers by a gang Sunday, the report said.

The army and paramilitary forces have been continuing search operations in various areas of the state and recovered some arms, ammunition and explosives, PTI said.

20 Poles apply for U.K. asylum

LONDON, March 28 (AFP) — Twenty Polish nationals who jumped ship two weeks ago at Tilbury in the Thames estuary have asked for political asylum in Britain, the Home Office (interior ministry) said Monday. The Poles fled from the cruise ship *Seafar Batory* during a 24-hour stopover in the docks.

The ministry added that it had no evidence substantiating reports that at least nine Poles on the same crossing had skipped ship but not given themselves up to the immigration authorities for fear of repatriation after the Home Office's decision to deport a young Romanian Stancu Papasou. Papasou was put on a Bucharest-bound plane at Heathrow Airport here the day after the vessel docked.

A spokesman said everyone would be treated on an individual basis, but could give no indication of how long it would take to reach a decision.

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